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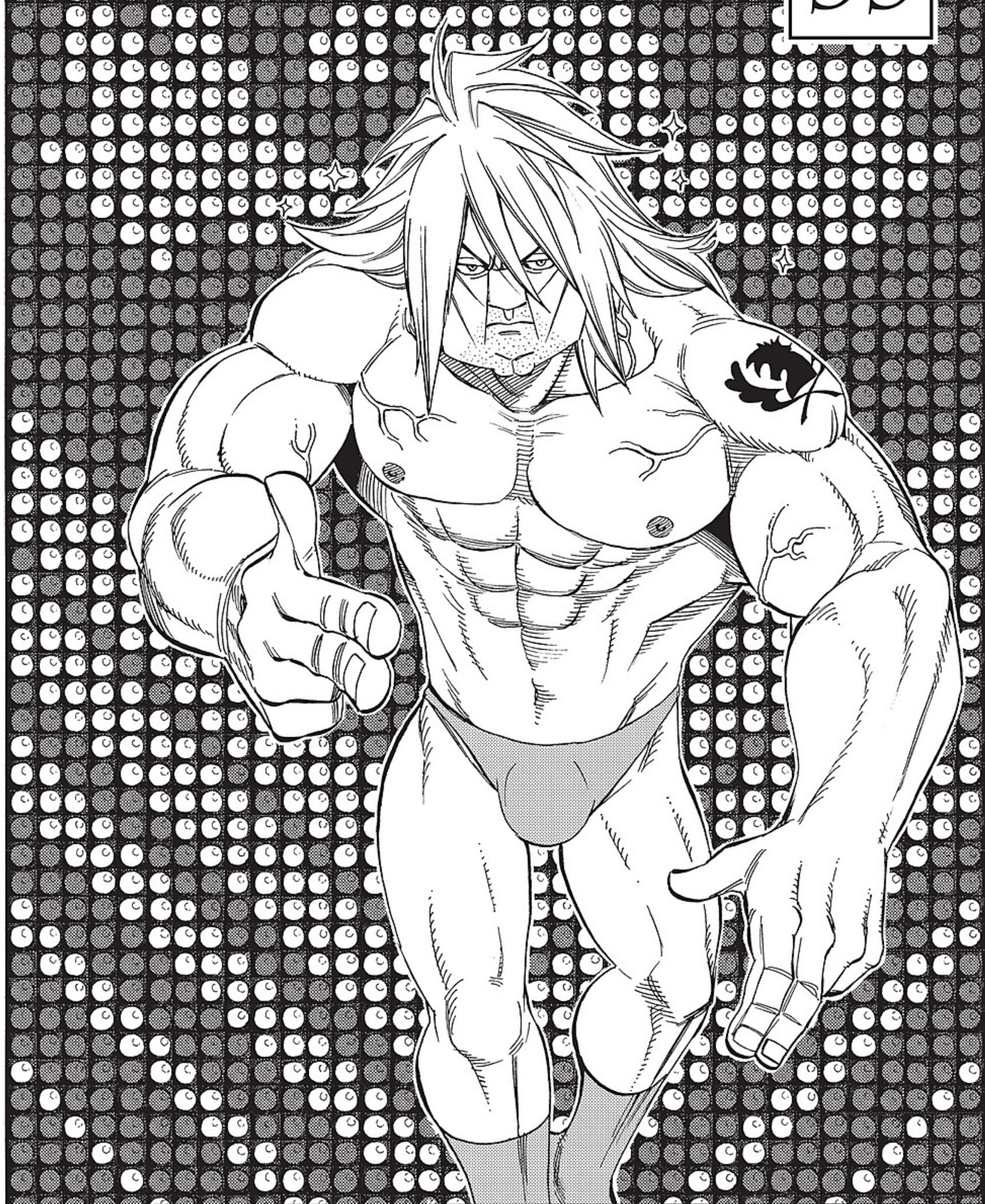
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Hiro Mashima Creator of *Rave Master*

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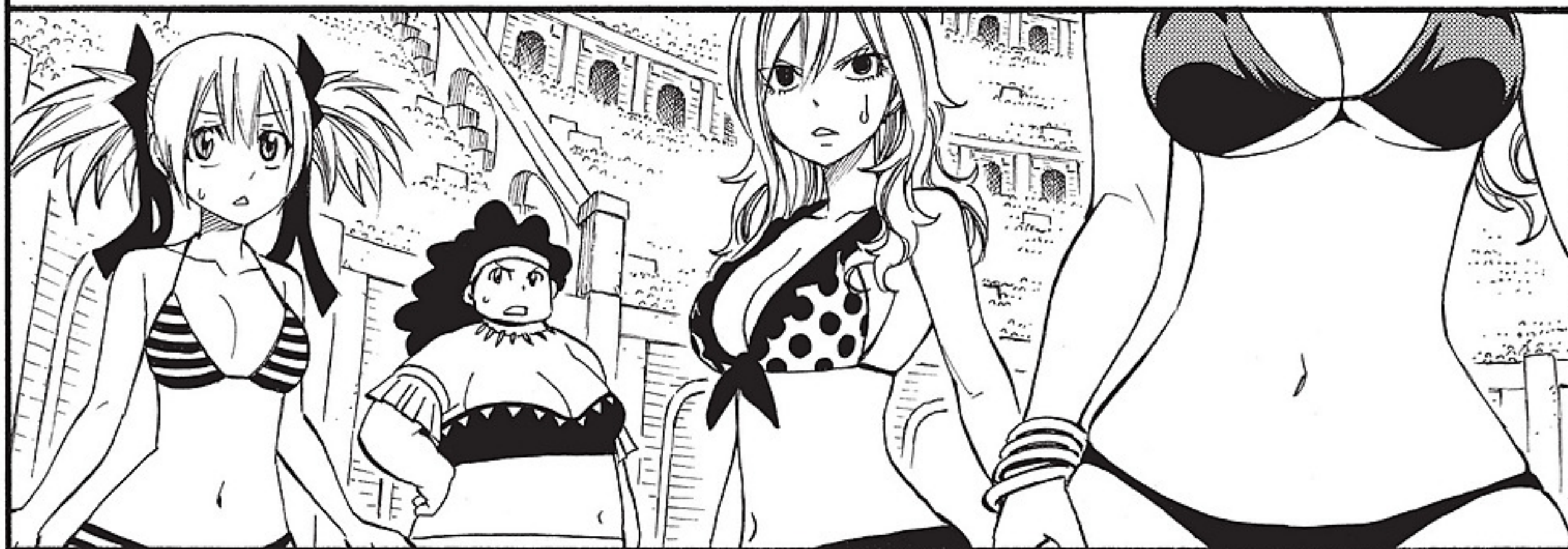
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Grand Magic Games Fourth Day Interim Results

1. Saber Tooth 34P+10	→	1. Saber Tooth 44P
2. Mermaid Heel 32P+3	→	2. Fairy Tail B 36P
3. Lamia Scale 31P+4	→	3. Mermaid Heel 35P
4. Fairy Tail B 30P+6	→	3. Lamia Scale 35P
5. Fairy Tail A 27P+8	→	3. Fairy Tail A 35P
6. Blue Pegasus 18P+2	→	6. Blue Pegasus 20P
7. Quatro Puppy 14P+1	→	7. Quatro Puppy 15P



Chapter 292: Thoughts Joined as One



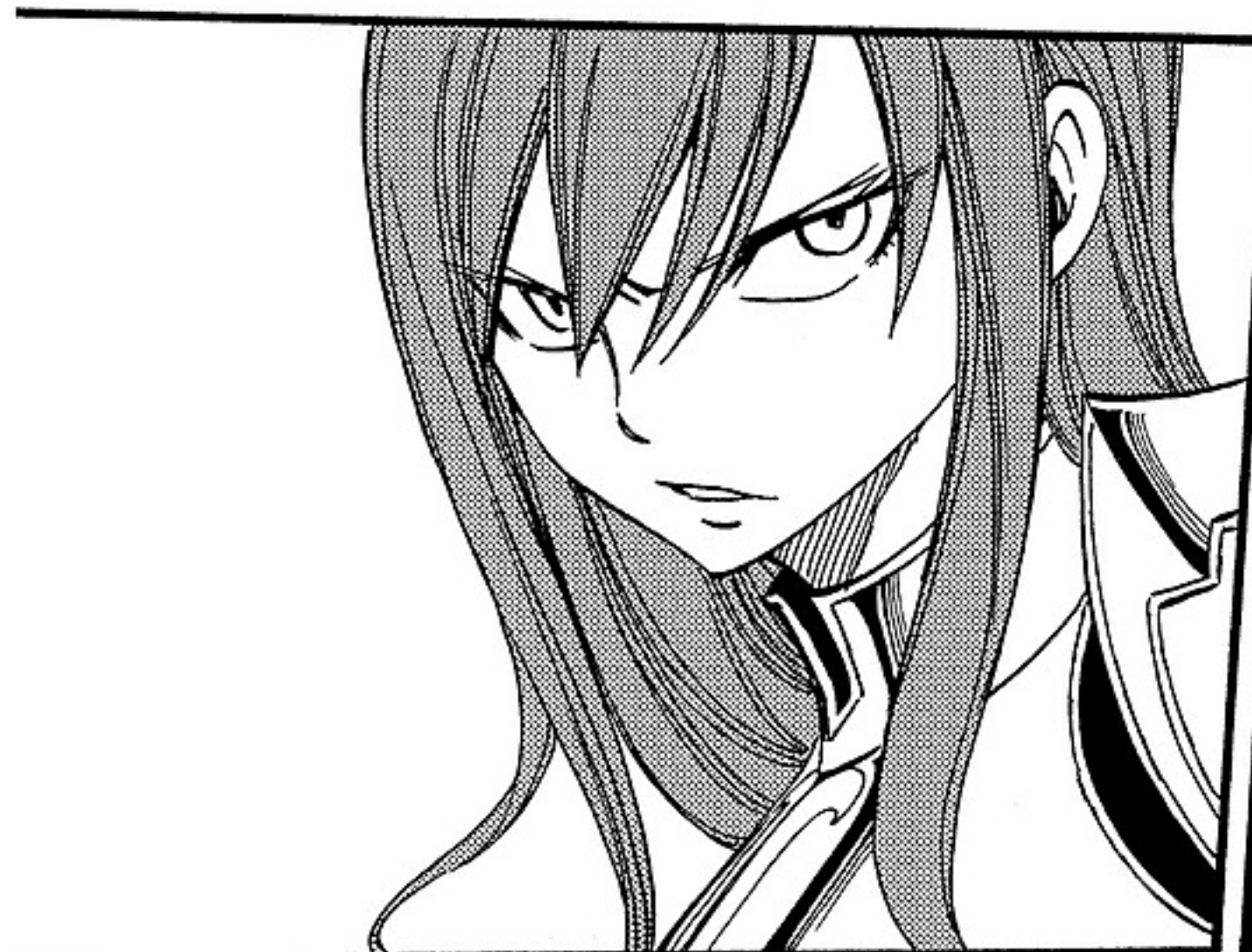
No, I should go in first and do some healing!

Hurry, get Lucy-sama to the infirmary!!



Are you all right?! Speak to me!

What does that jerk think she's doing?!!

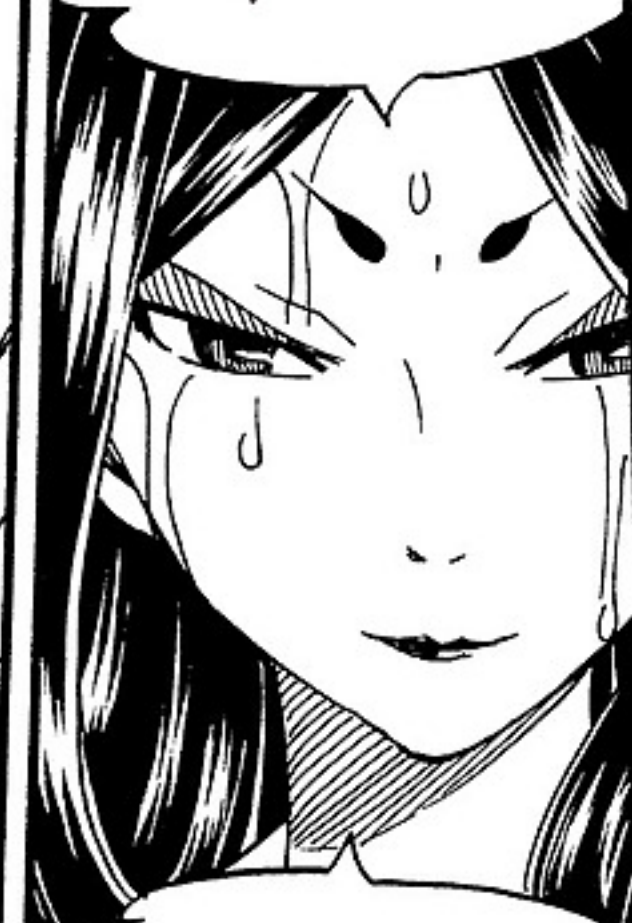


Lucy! Hang in there!

I'll help!



Frankly, I believe you should *thank* me. I allowed you to attain second place...

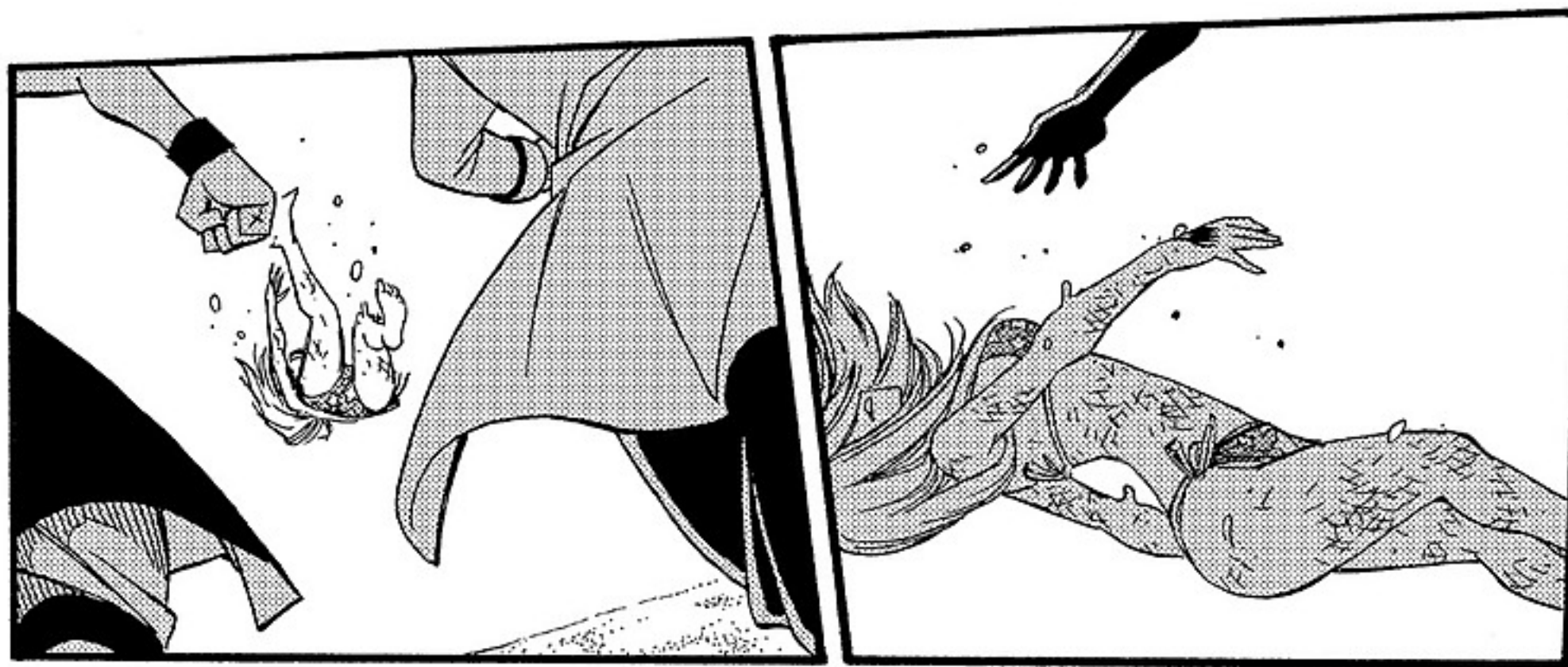


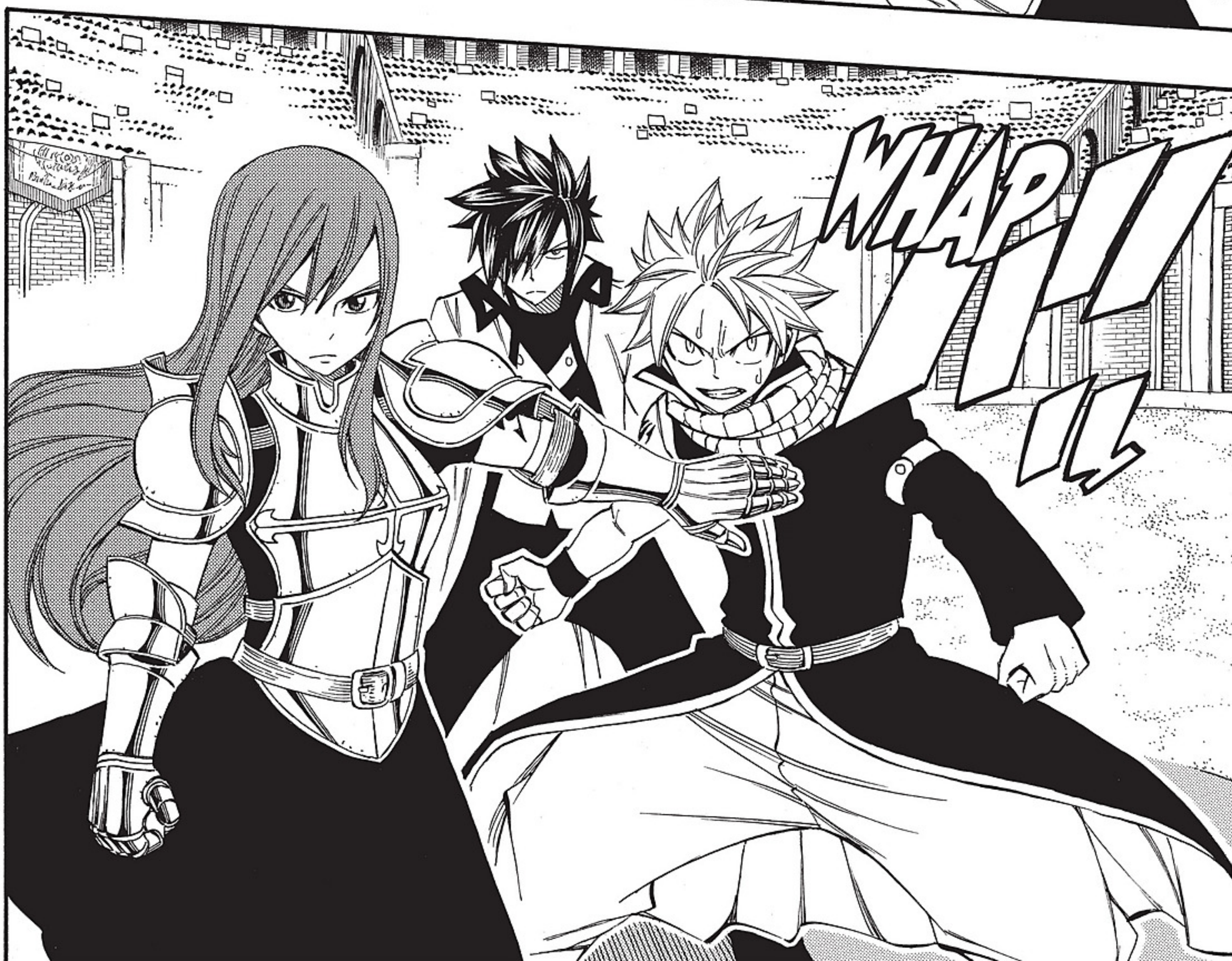
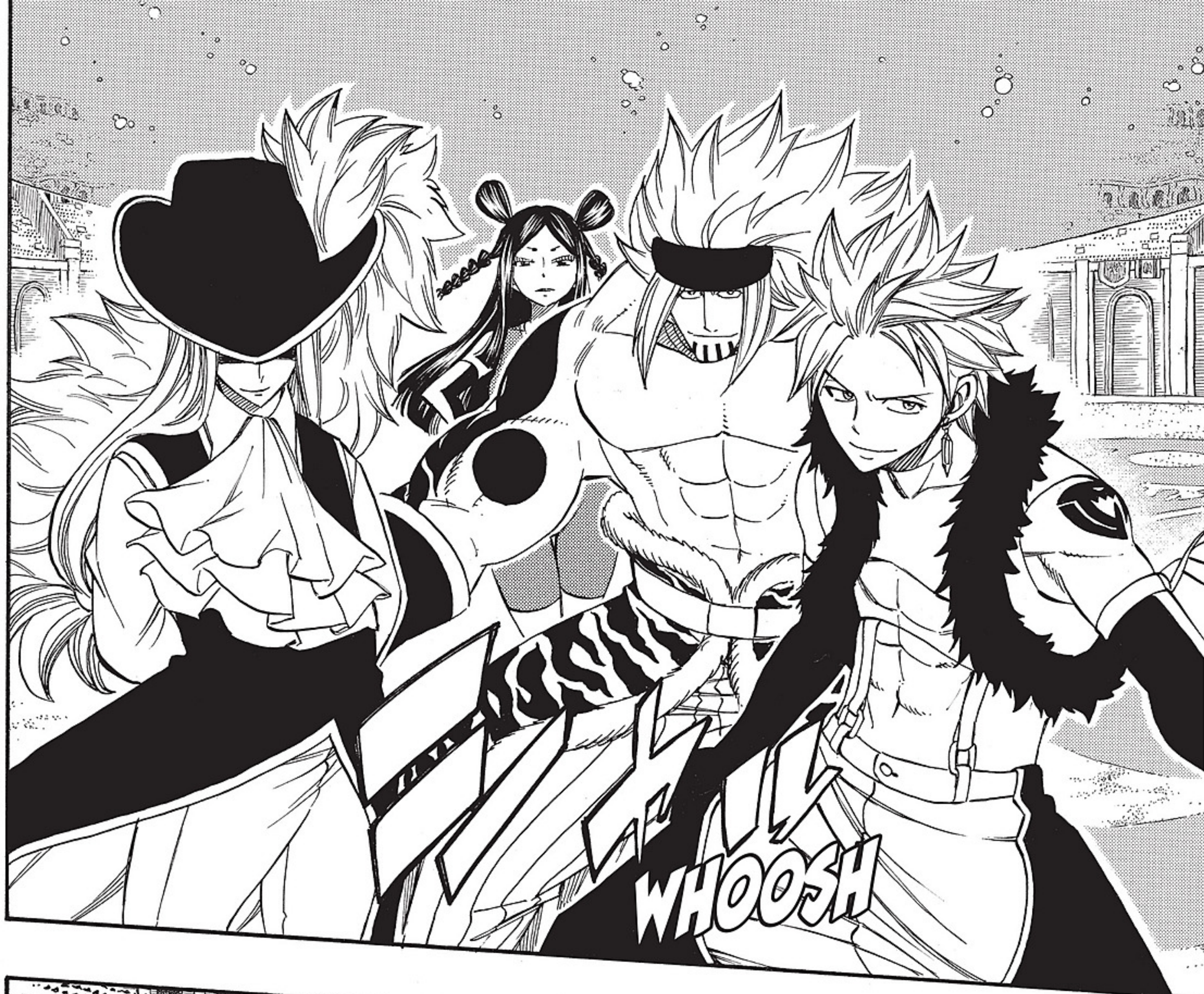
...even with that worthless trash woman of yours.

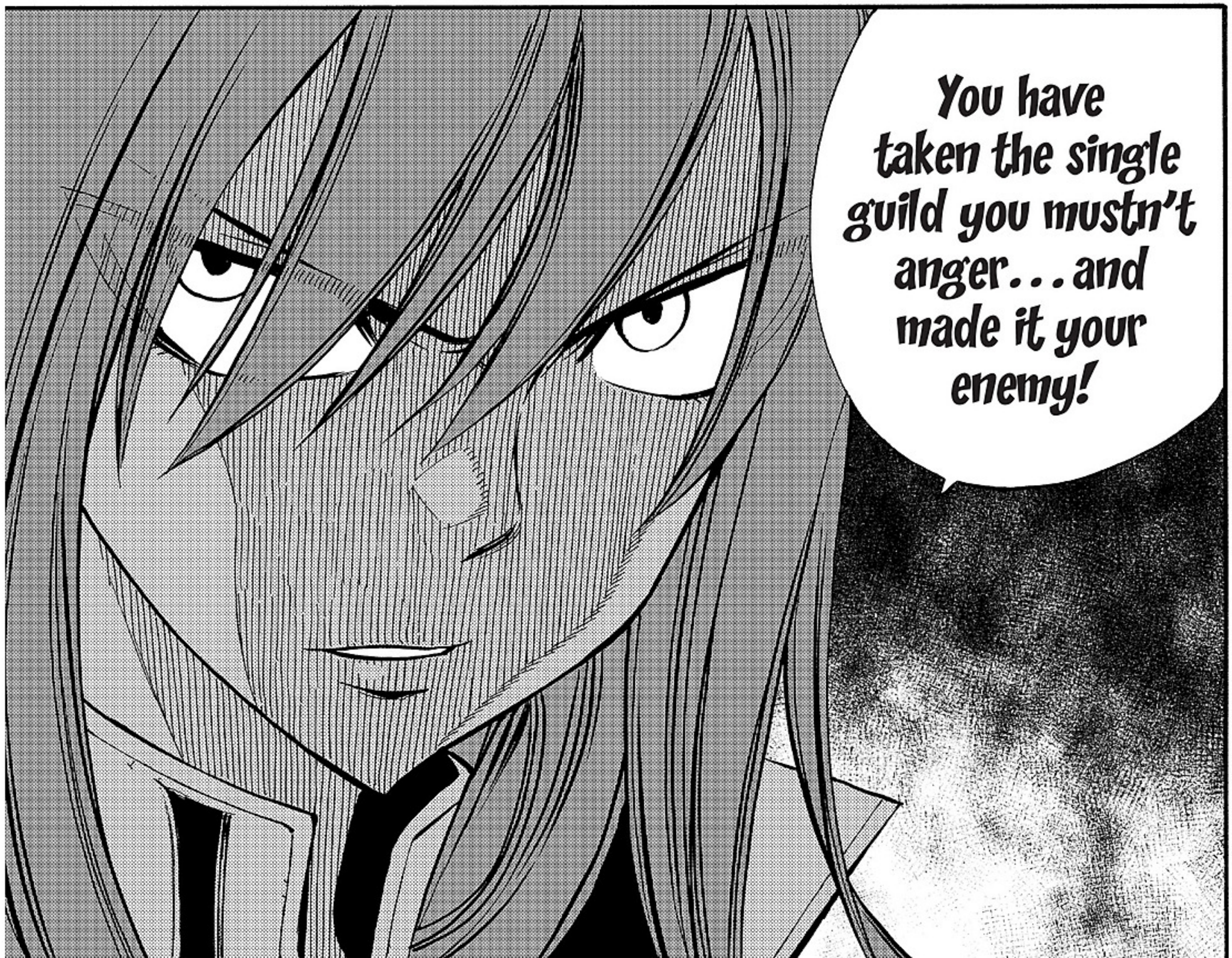
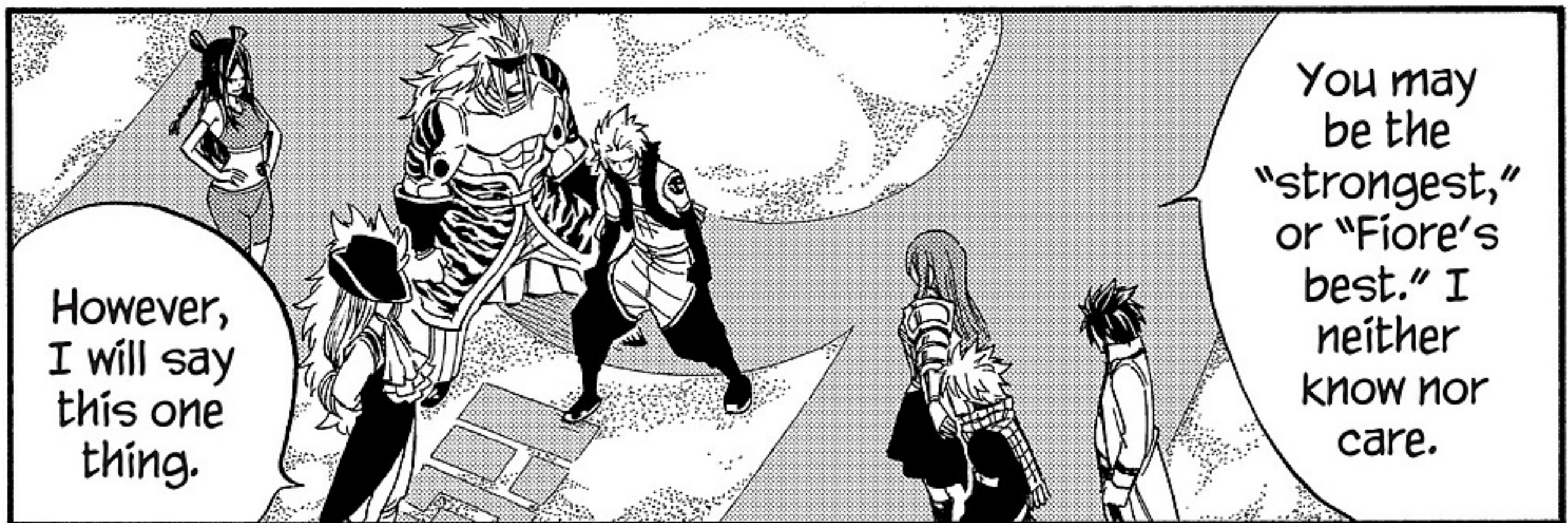


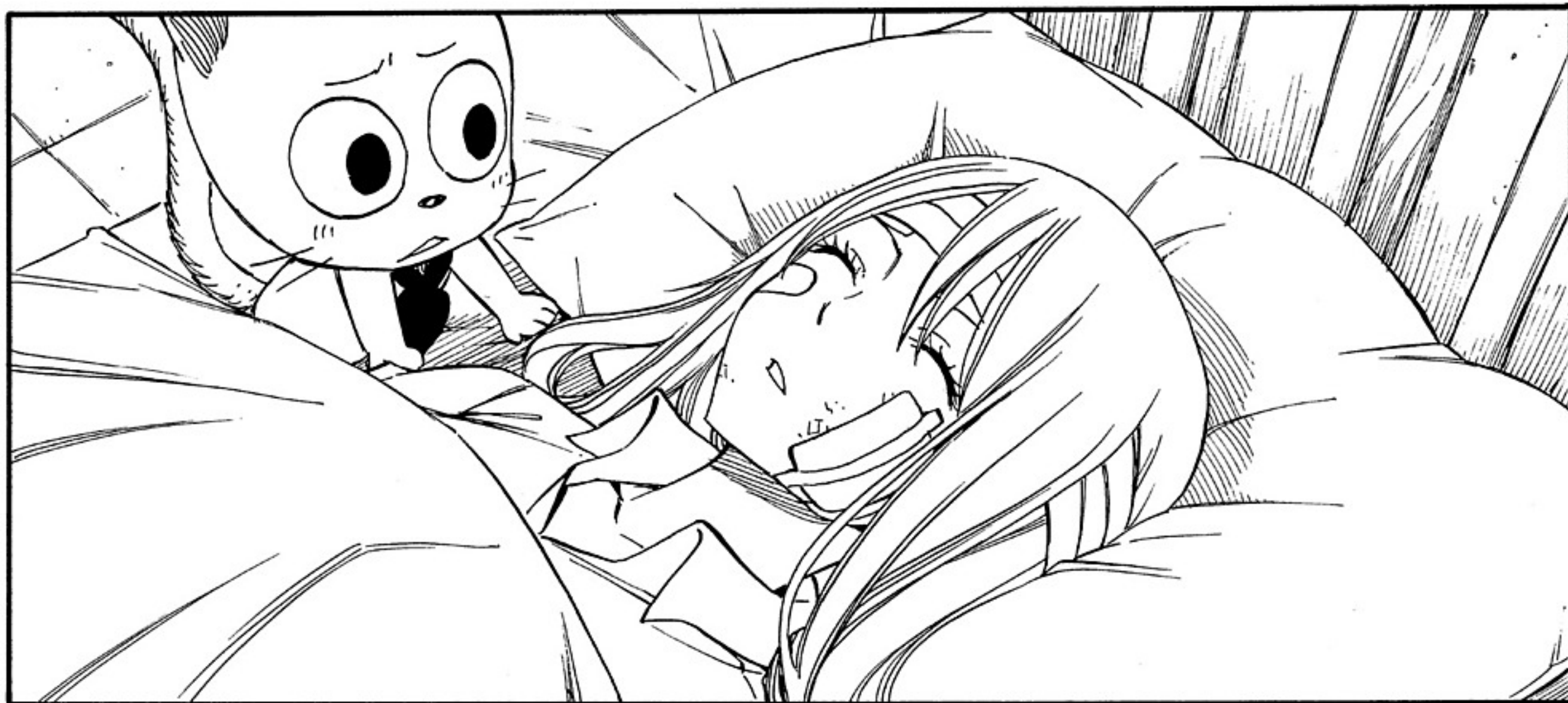
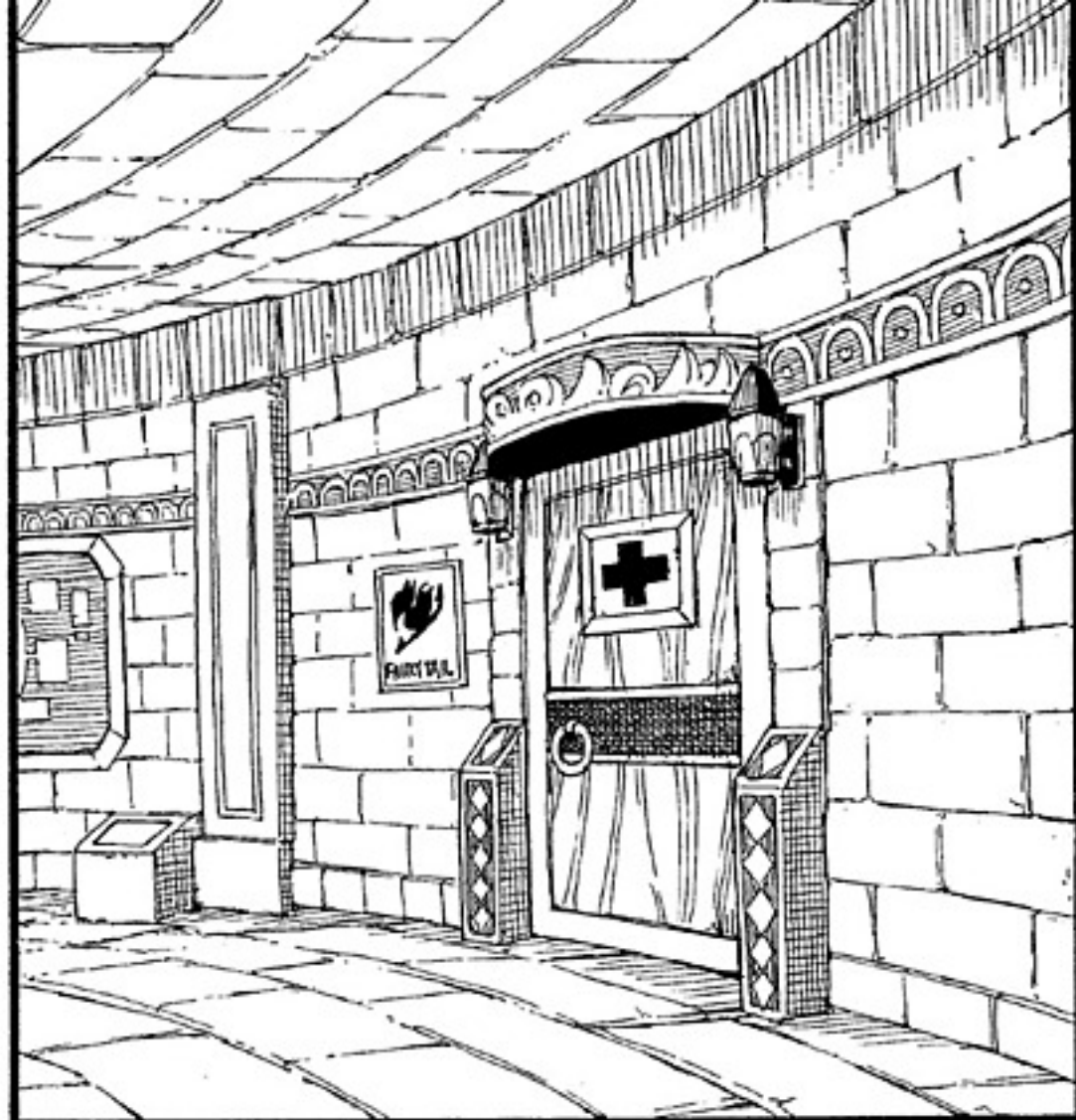
I simply followed the rules of the match.

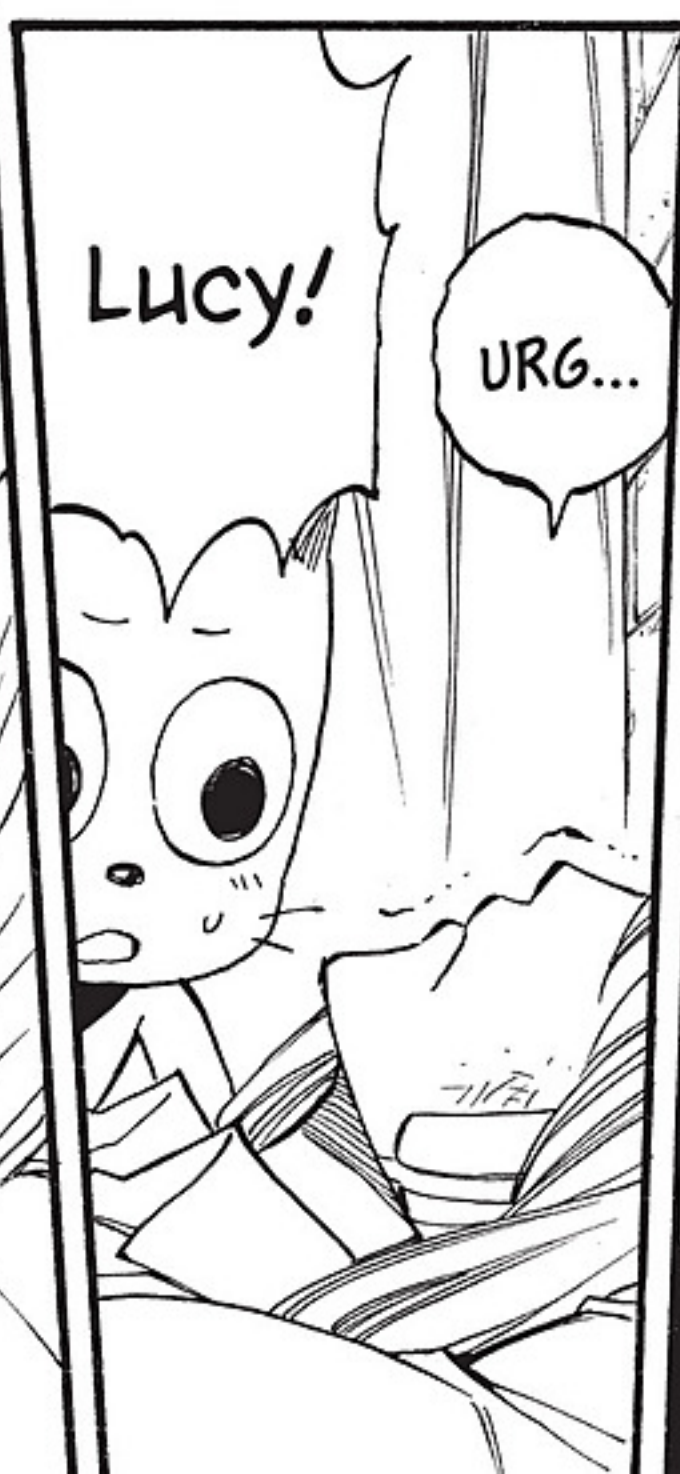
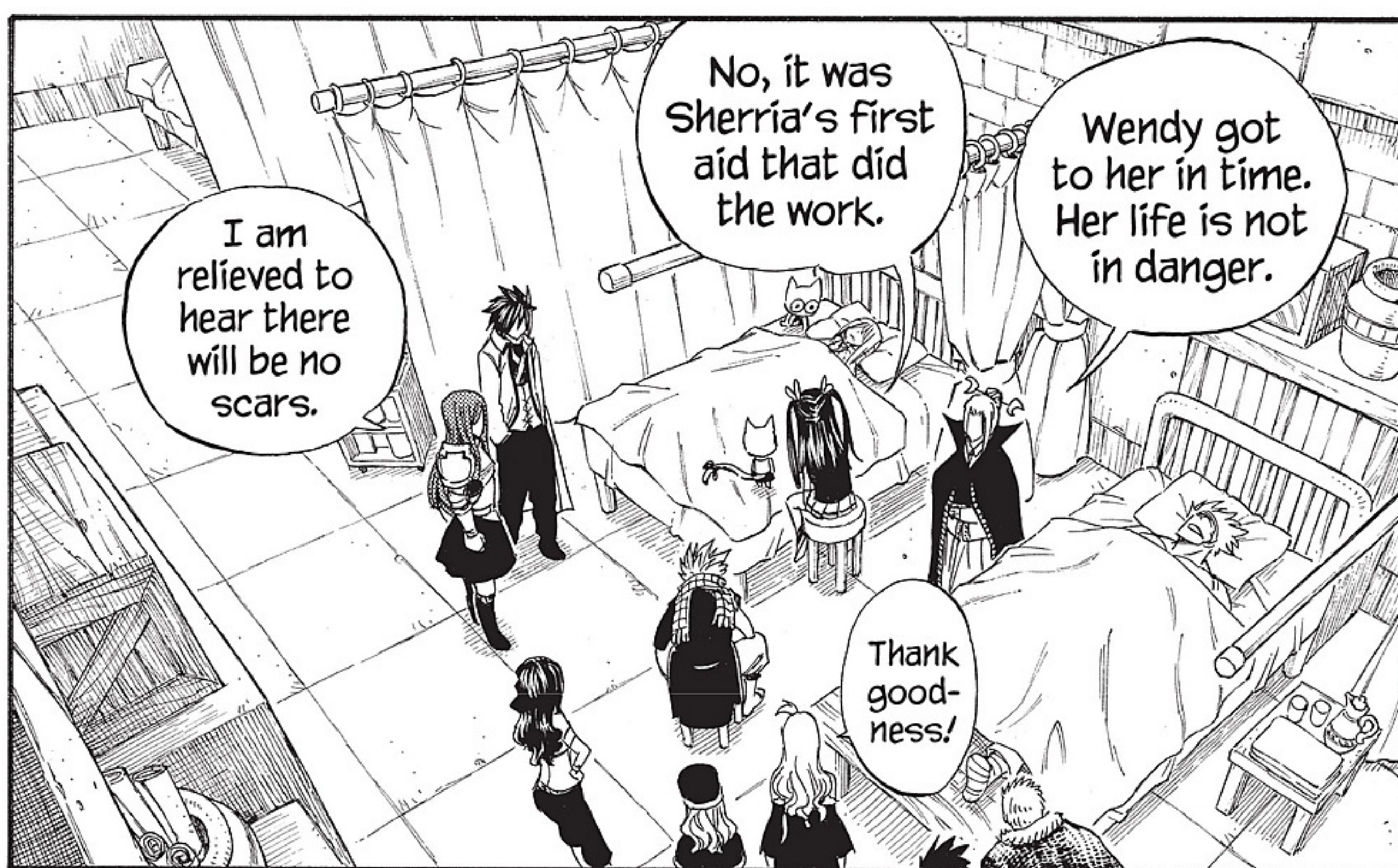
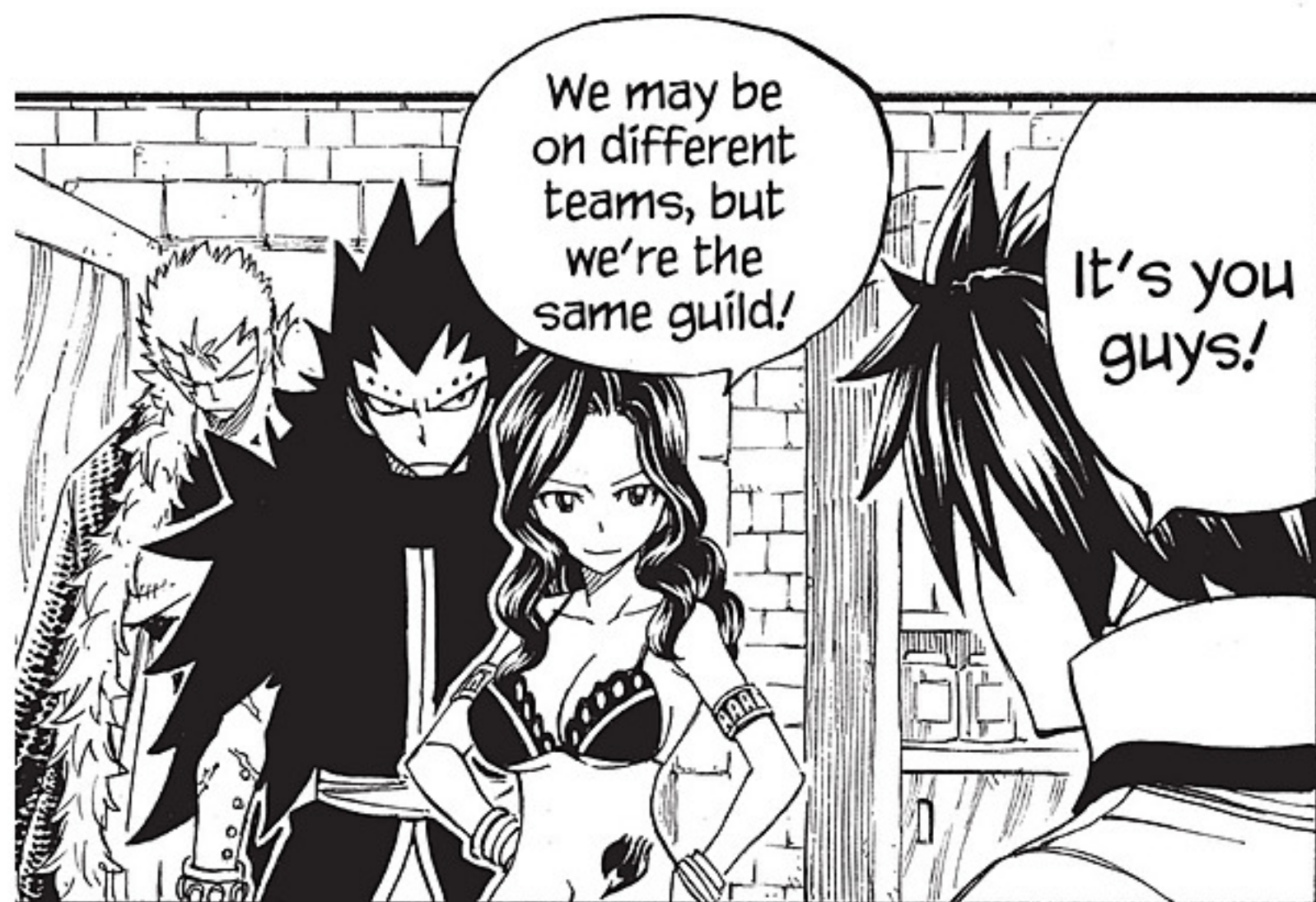
Why do you look at me that way?

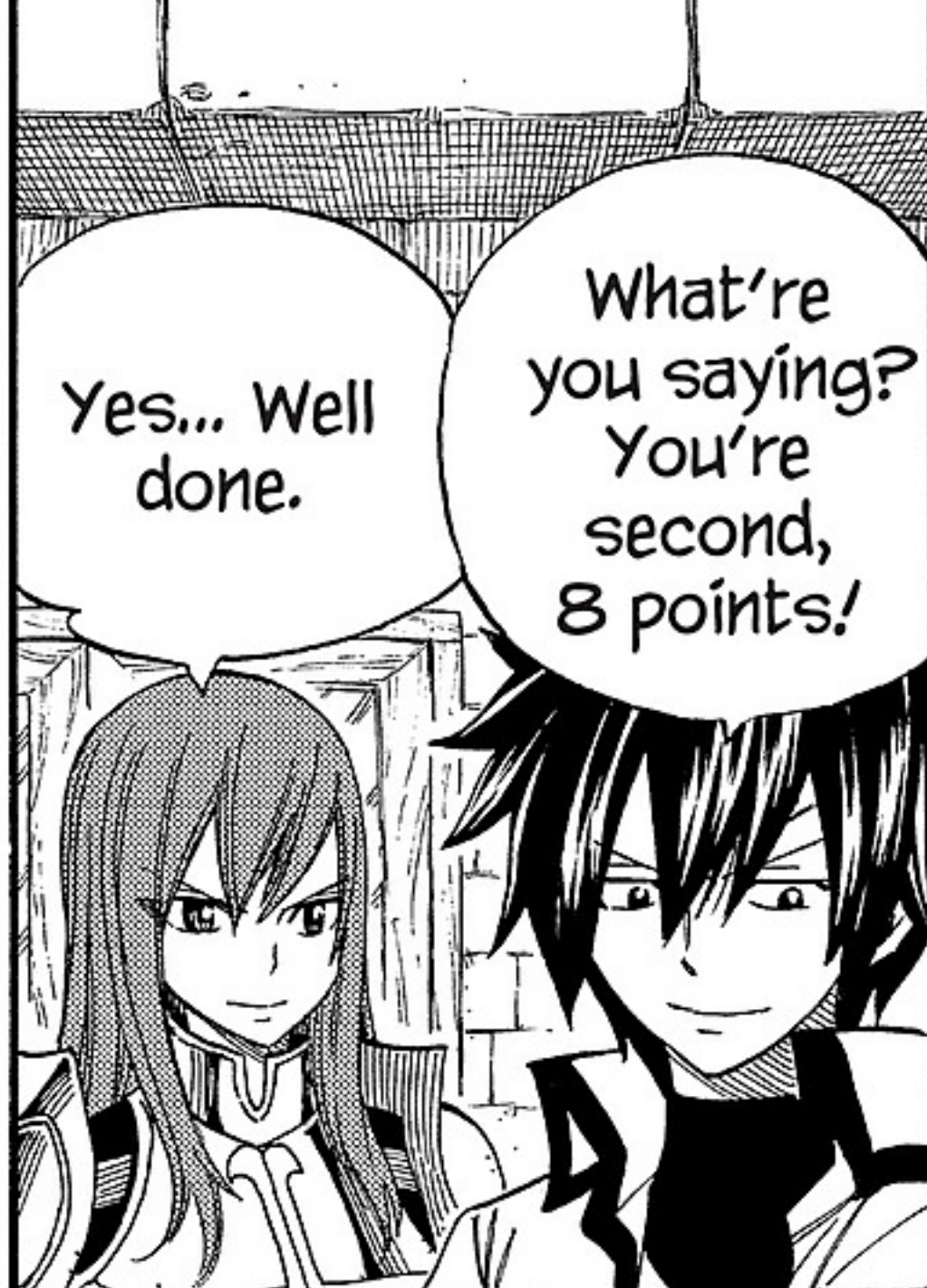


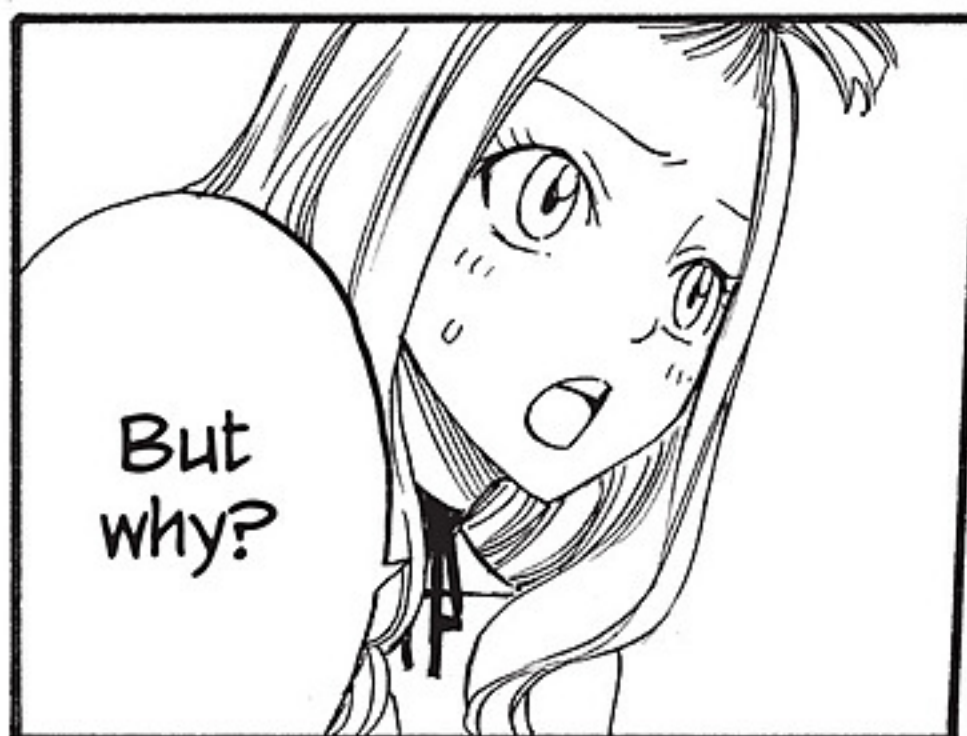
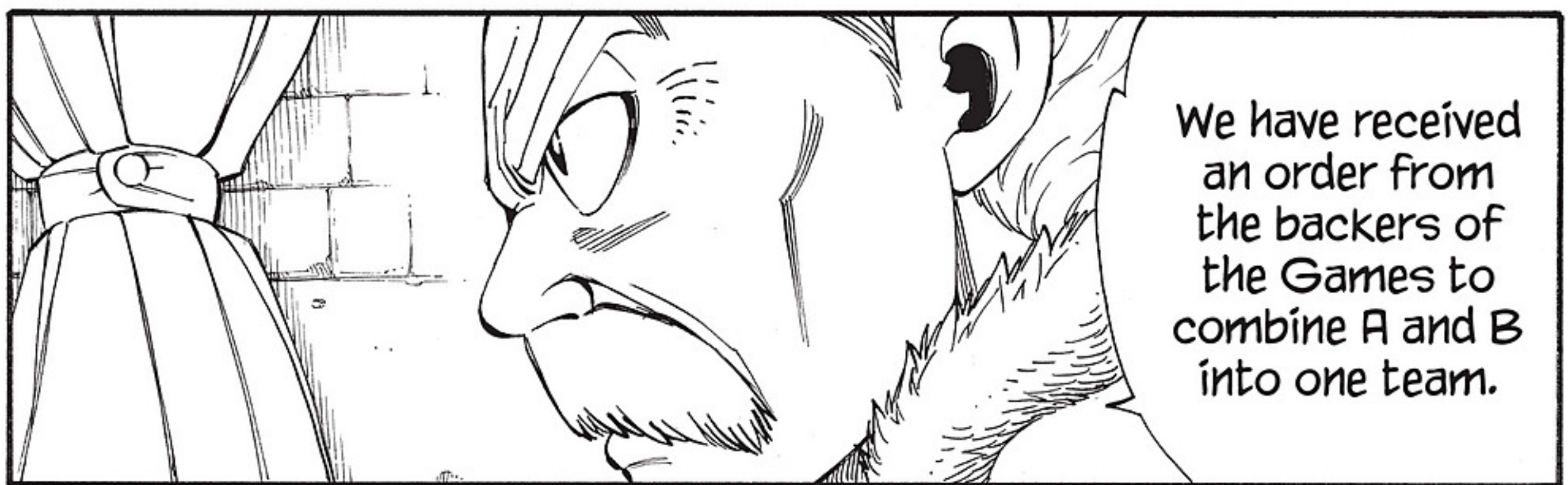








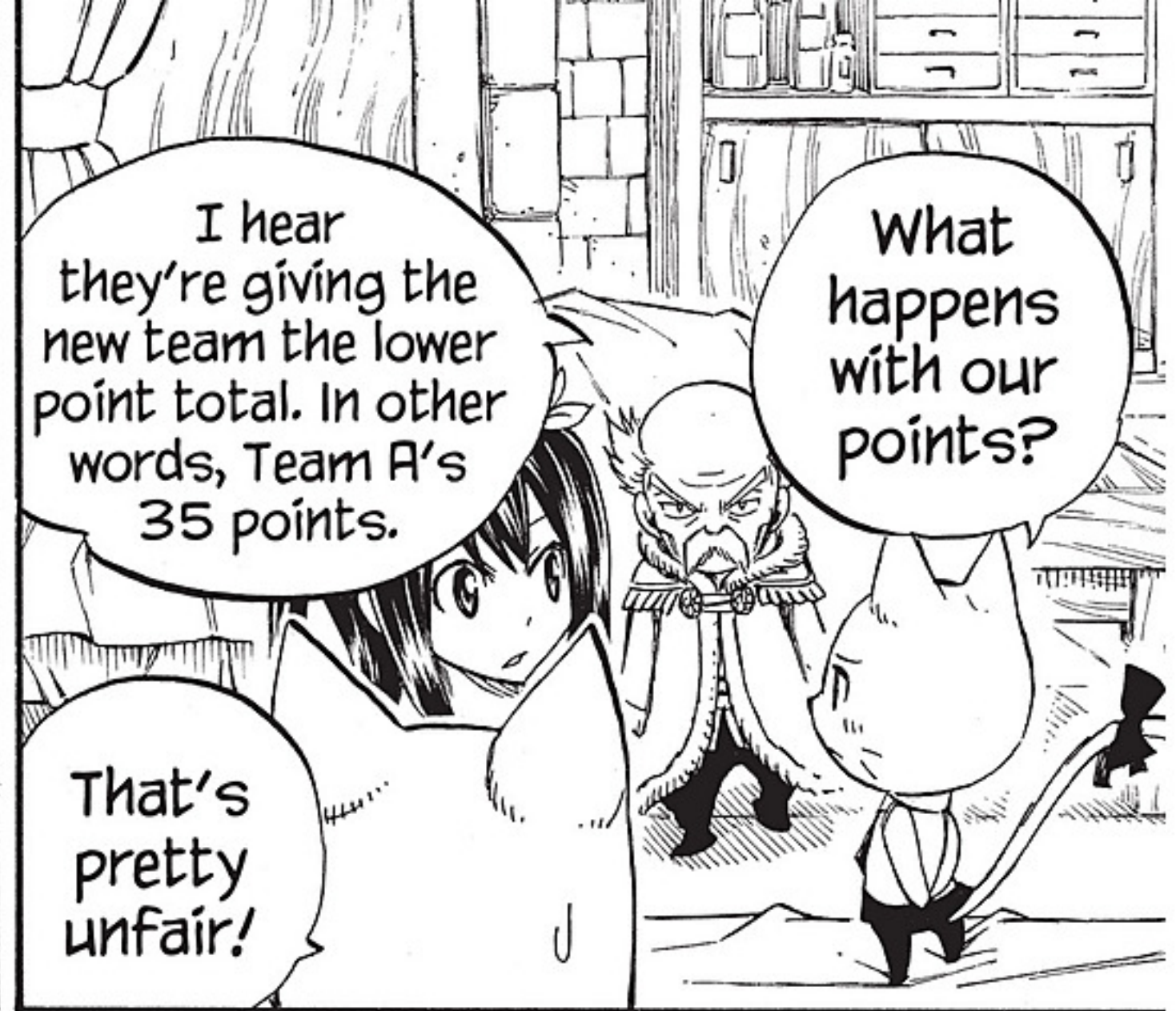






Still, if you think about it, we can combine into an even stronger team.

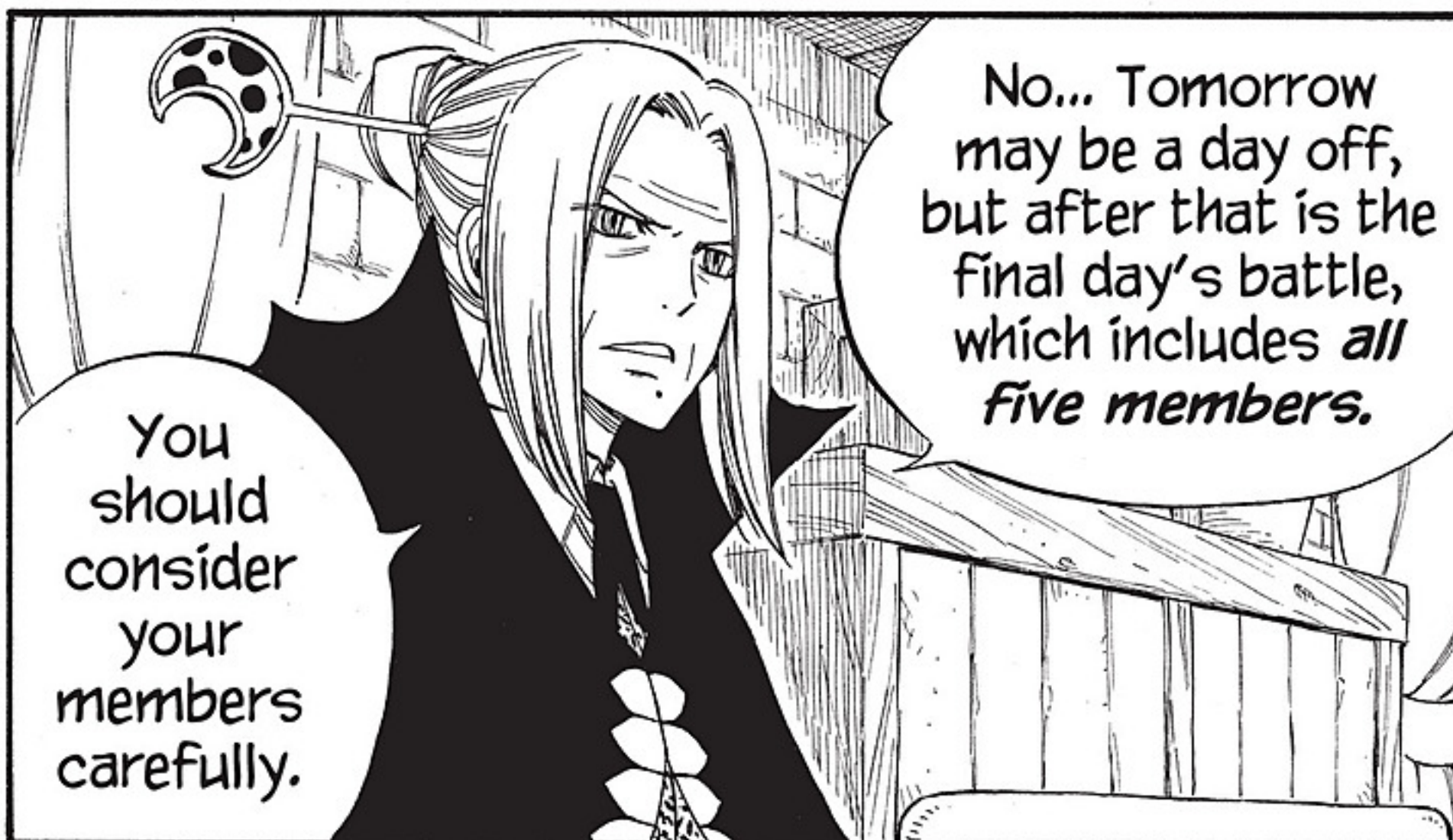
However, if it is the backer's decision, we can do nothing but accept it...



I hear they're giving the new team the lower point total. In other words, Team A's 35 points.

What happens with our points?

That's pretty unfair!



You should consider your members carefully.

No... Tomorrow may be a day off, but after that is the final day's battle, which includes *all five members*.

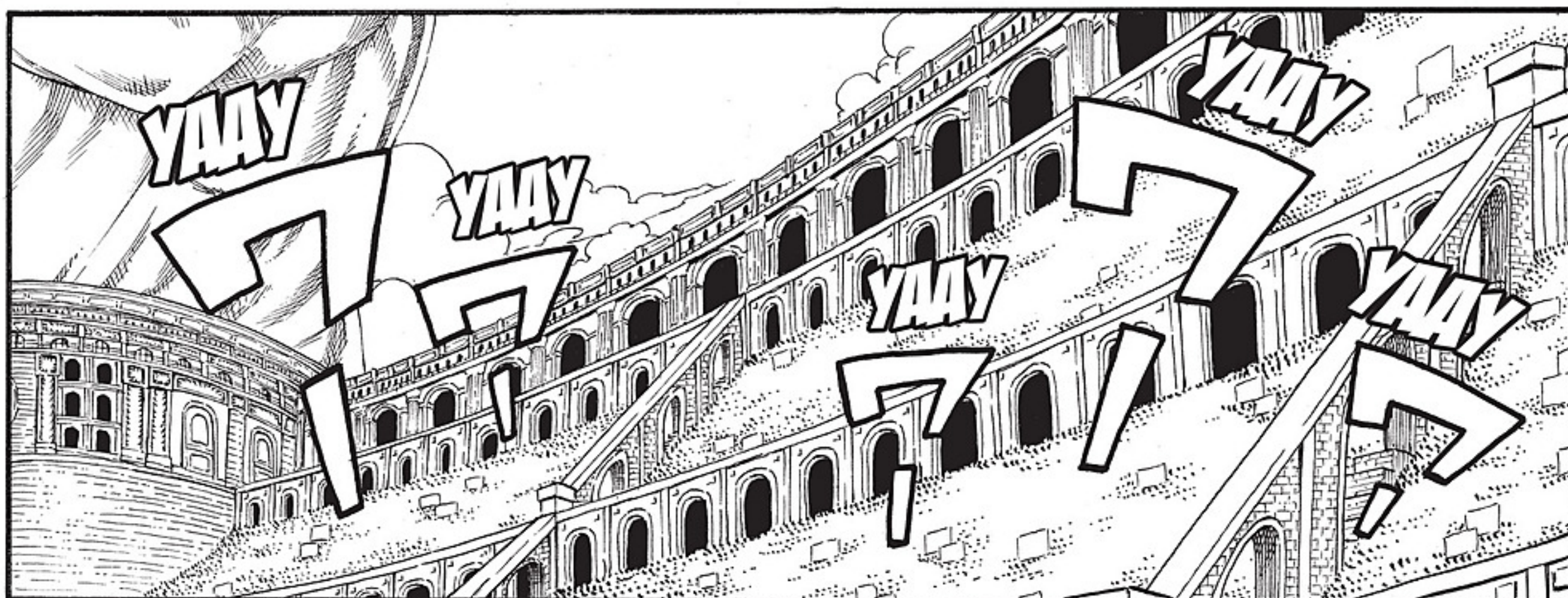


But...even if we cut down to five wizards, all we have left are the tag-battles, right?



**They laughed at my friend!!!!
I don't ever forgive something like that!!!!**

I'm gonna avenge what they did to Lucy!!!!



OH!!!

AND THIS TIME,
THE MATCH-
UP CARD HAS
ALREADY BEEN
ANNOUNCED!

Blue Pegasus vs. Quatro Puppy

Mermaid Heel vs. Lamia Scale

Saber Tooth vs. Fairy Tail

I hear the
fourth day's
Battlesh are
a set of "tag"
matches?

THEY'RE
two-on-two
matches!
Should be
fun! Thank
you very
much!

THE WORK OF
COMBINING
THE FAIRY
TAIL TEAMS
INTO ONE IS
OVER!

SO NOW
WE CAN
COMMENCE
THE BATTLES
FOR THE
FOURTH
DAY!

YAAAY

YAAAY

YAAAY

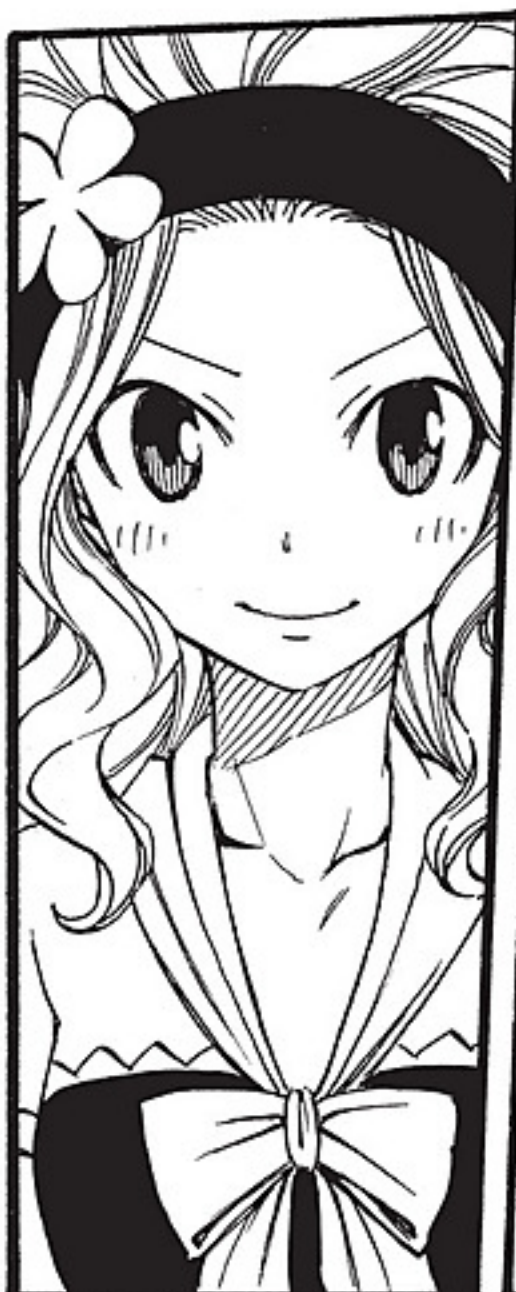
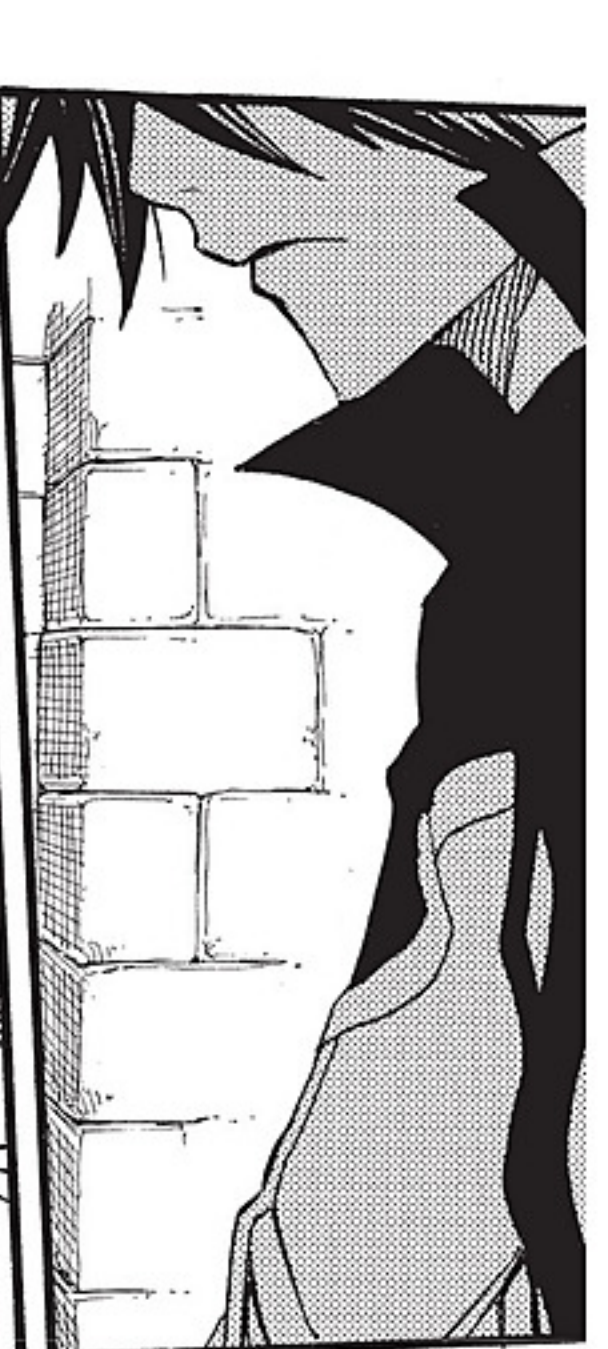
YAAAY

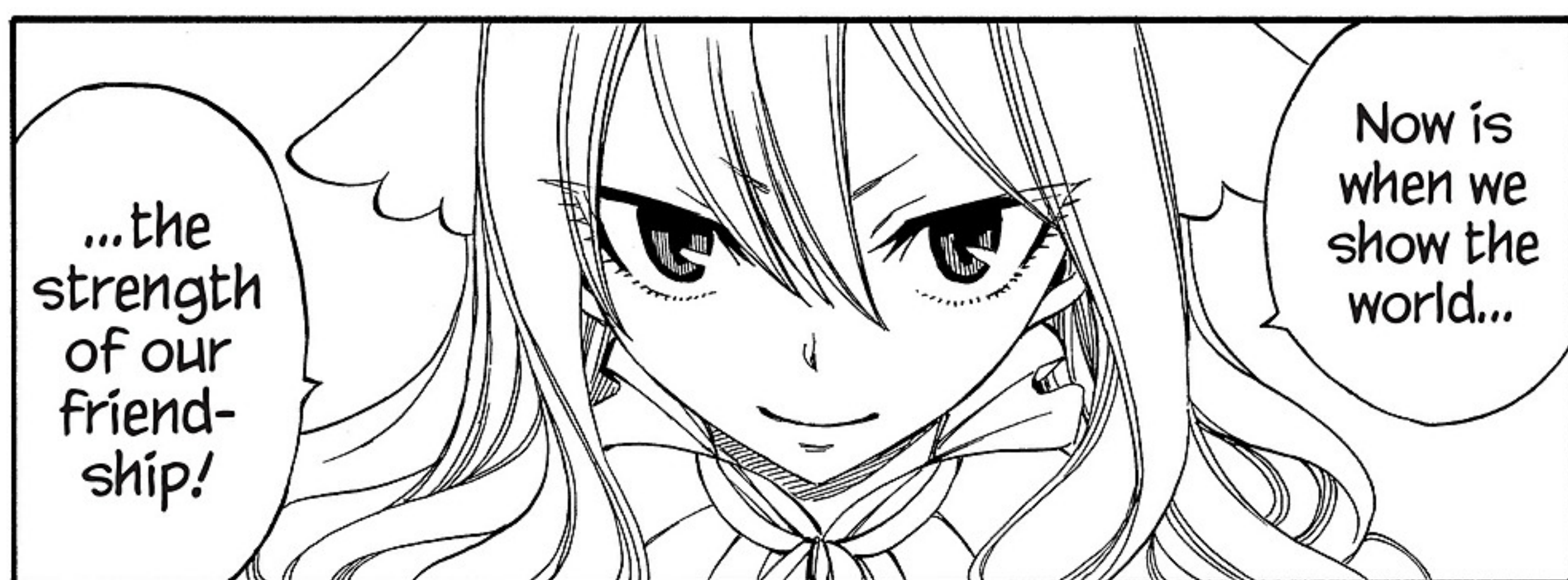
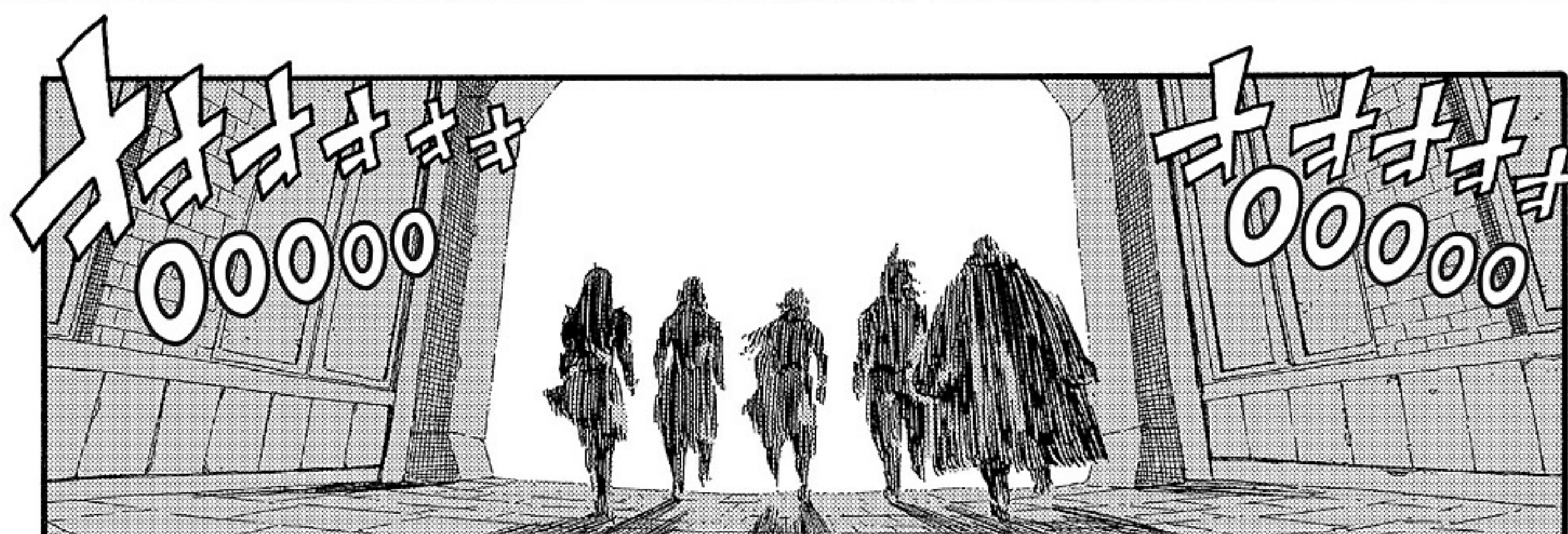
YAAAY

It very much
excites me,
thank you
very much!!

I do
wonder
where this
will lead.

I THINK THE ONE TO
WATCH CLOSEST IS
FAIRY TAIL VS. SABER
TOOTH, CONSIDERING
THEIR RUN-IN TODAY.









IN JUST FOUR DAYS, THEY'VE RECOVERED ALL OF THEIR FORMER POPULARITY!

THESE RAUCOUS CHEERS MAKE THE BOOING OF THE FIRST DAY SEEM LIKE AN OLD LIE.





Not at all. Yes, that was a failure.

And next time, we'll use more certain methods.



You bastard...!!
Are you going to hire thugs again to get her?!

Apparently, she is in the infirmary.

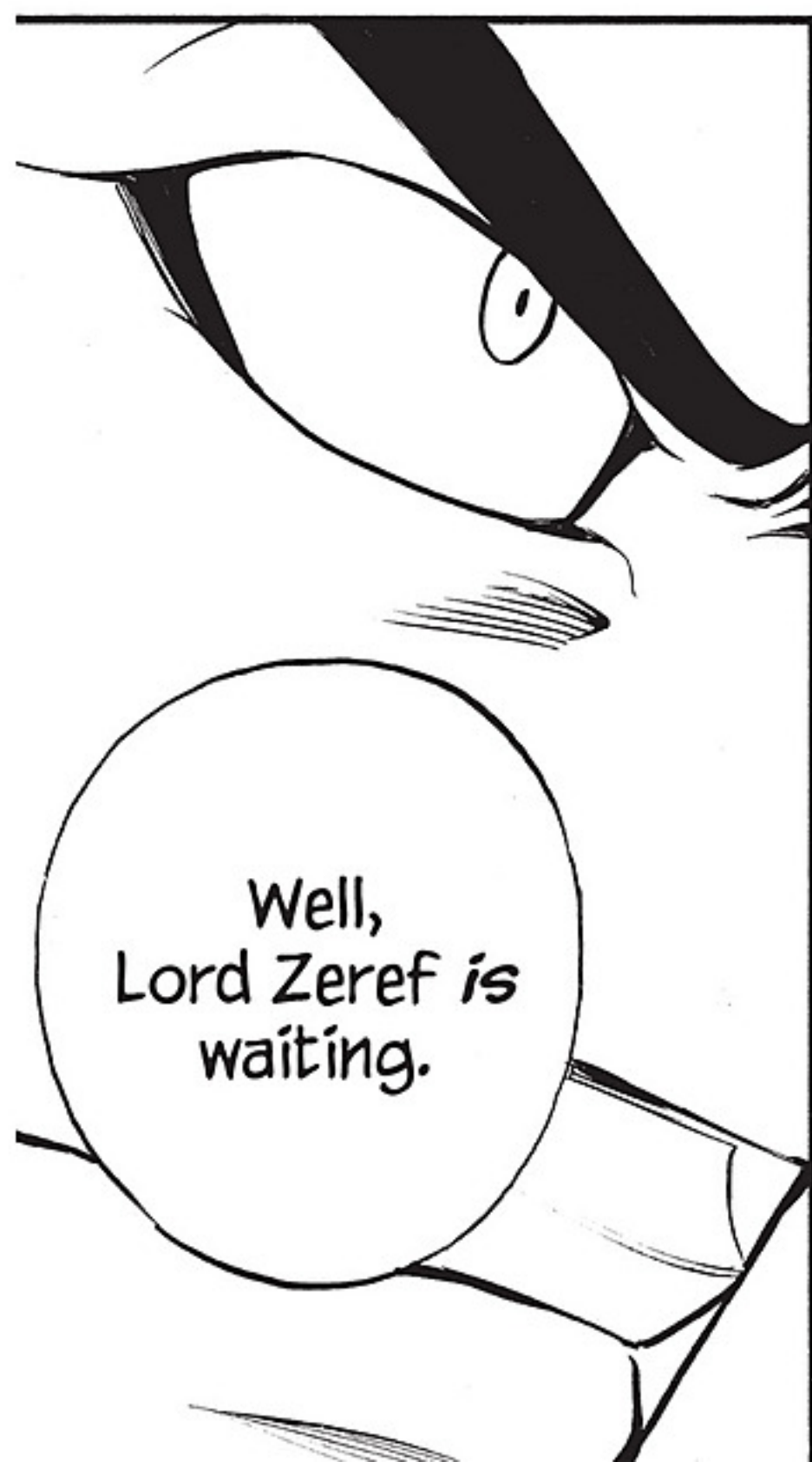


The celestial wizard isn't there!!



The plan will proceed in three days.

But for now, let us enjoy the festival.



Well, Lord Zeref is waiting.



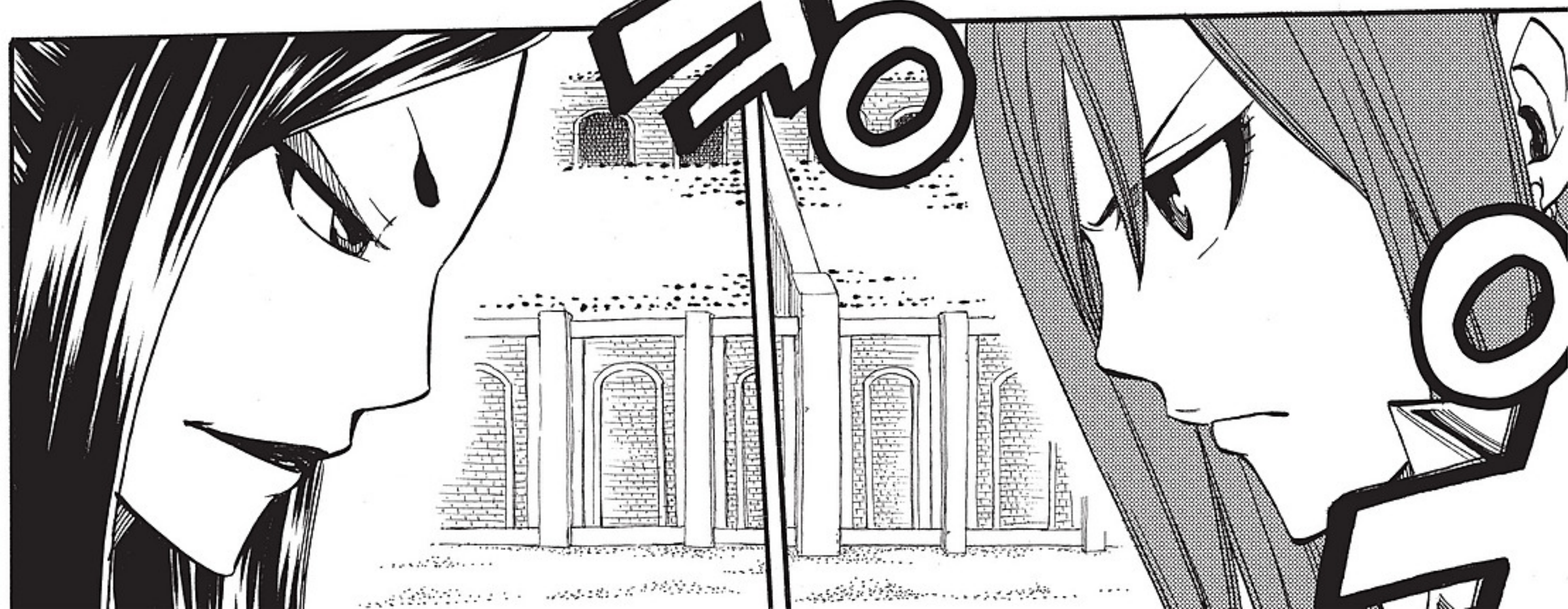
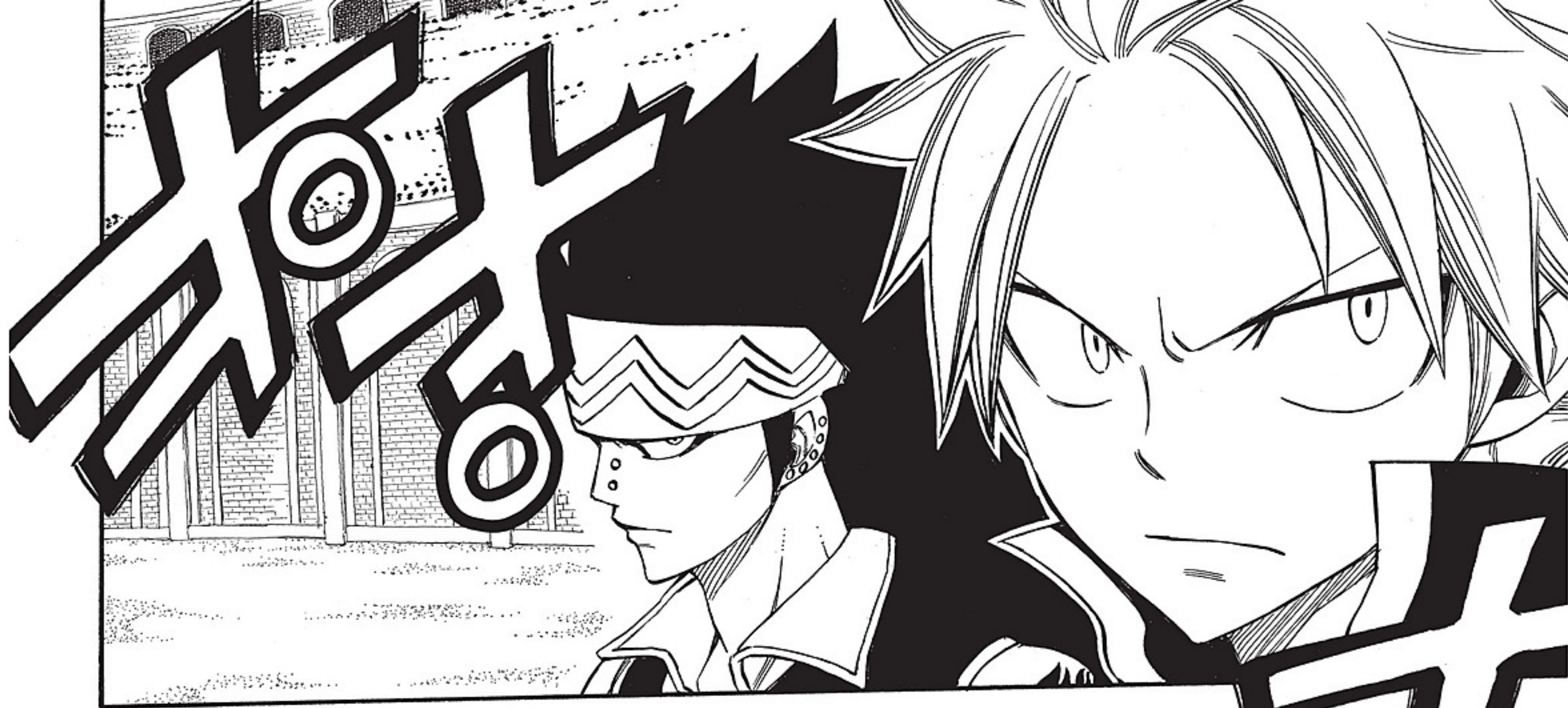
And you're saying that nothing can stop it anymore?

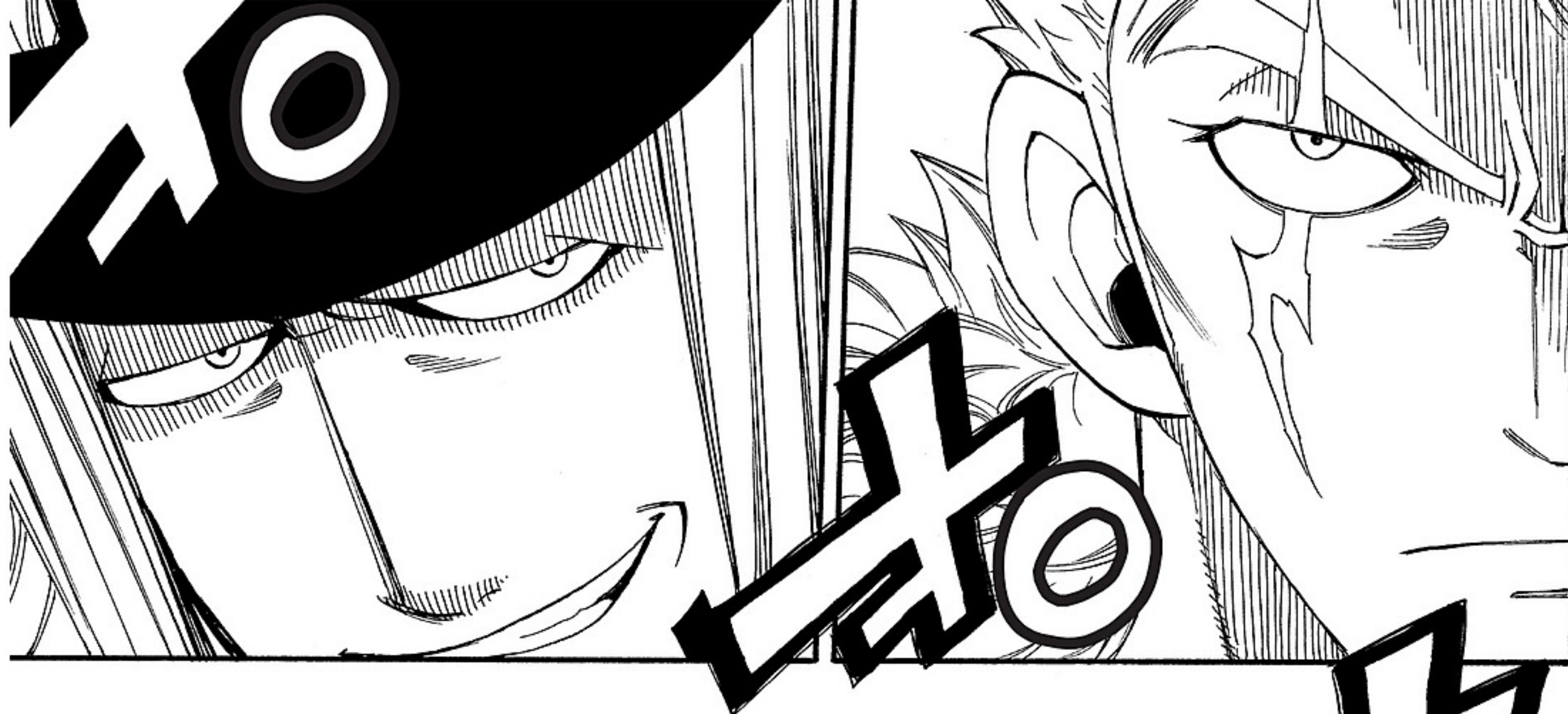


It will change the world.



Eclipse ...





A detailed black and white illustration. A large dragon, with a long, segmented body and a long, flowing mane, is shown breathing a massive plume of fire. The fire is depicted with stylized, swirling flames. In the background, a city with various buildings, including a prominent tower, is visible. The scene is framed by decorative borders at the top and bottom. Two speech bubbles contain text.

The Dragon King Festival!

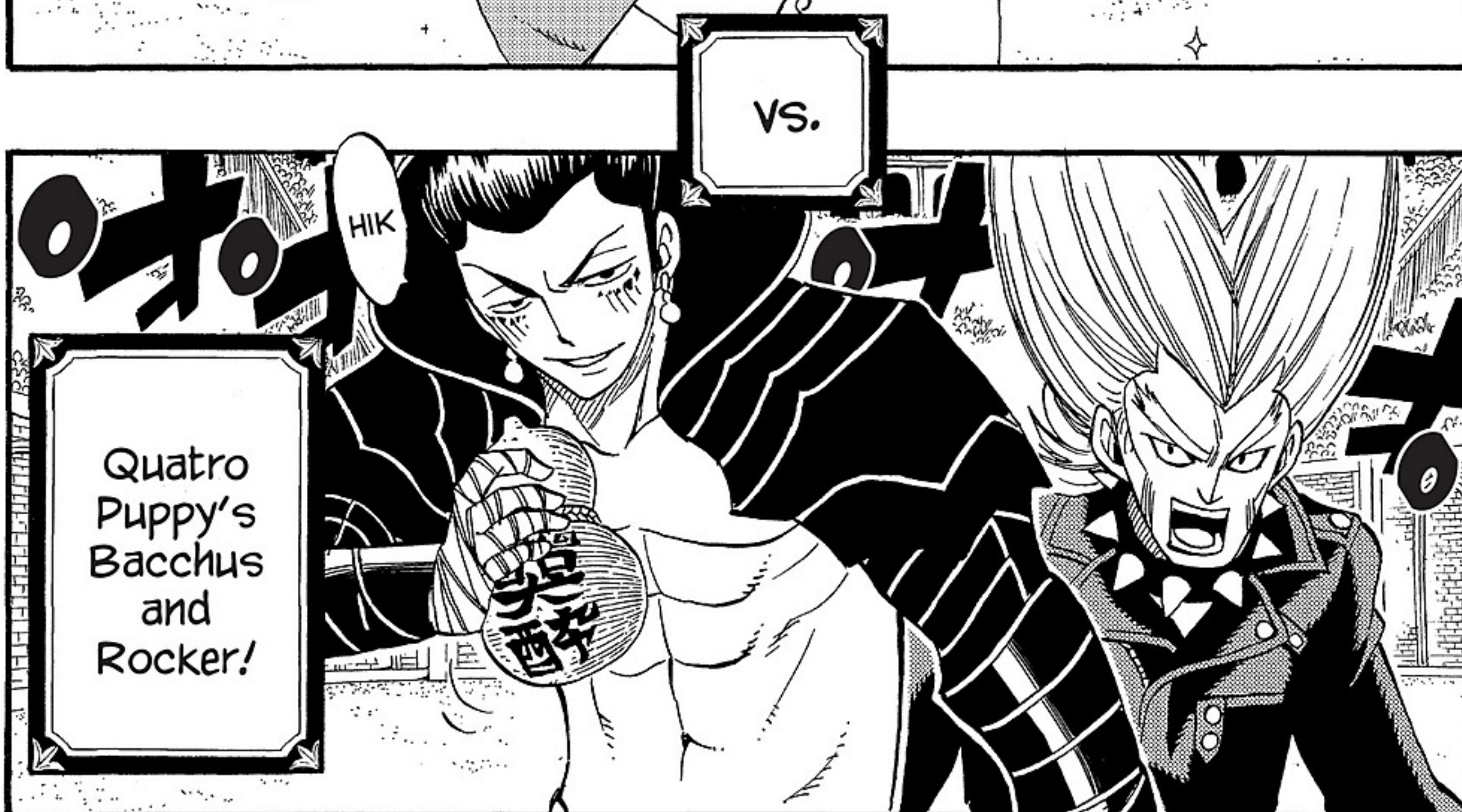
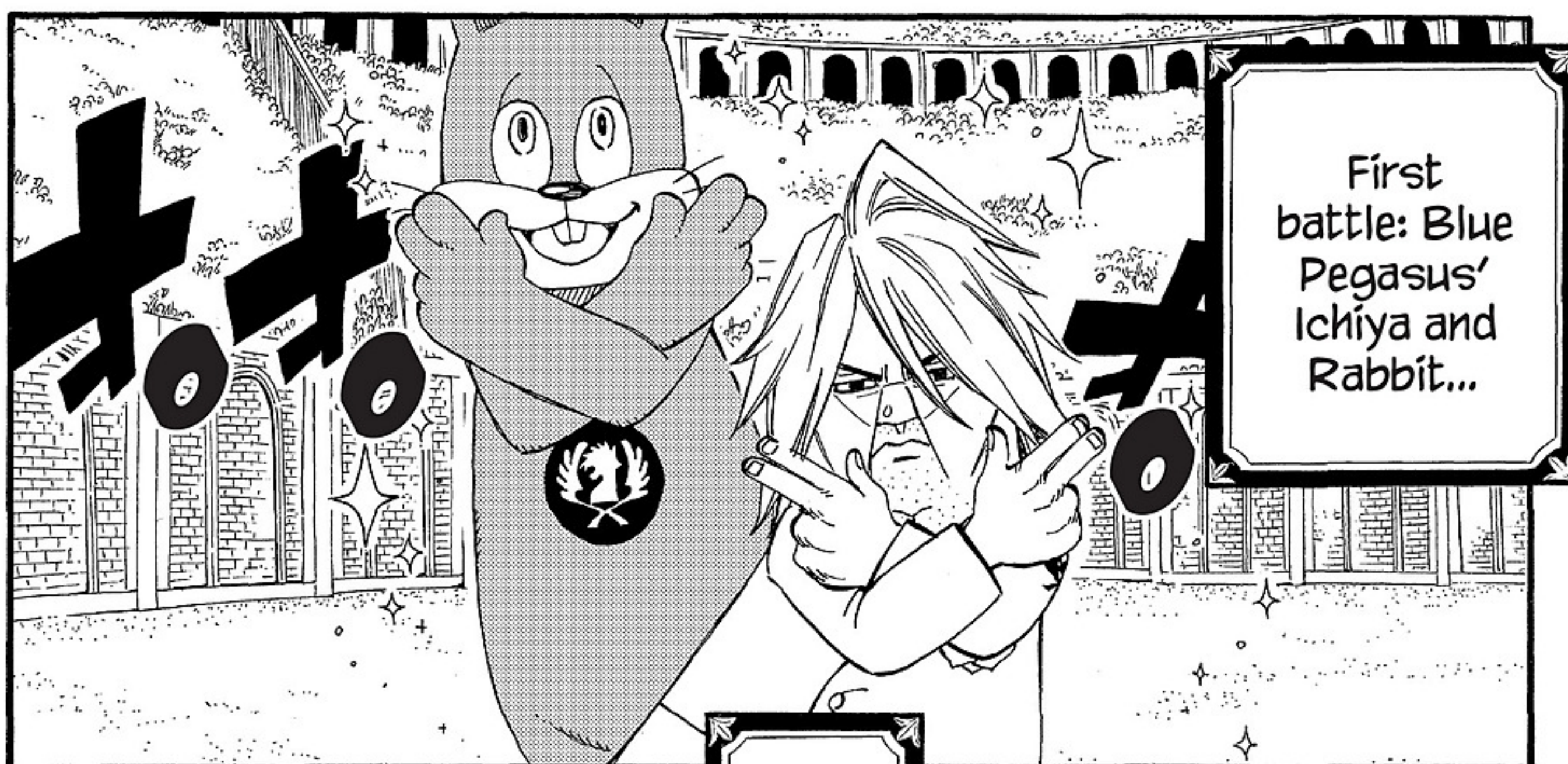
**The feast
of dragons
and men
and magic.**

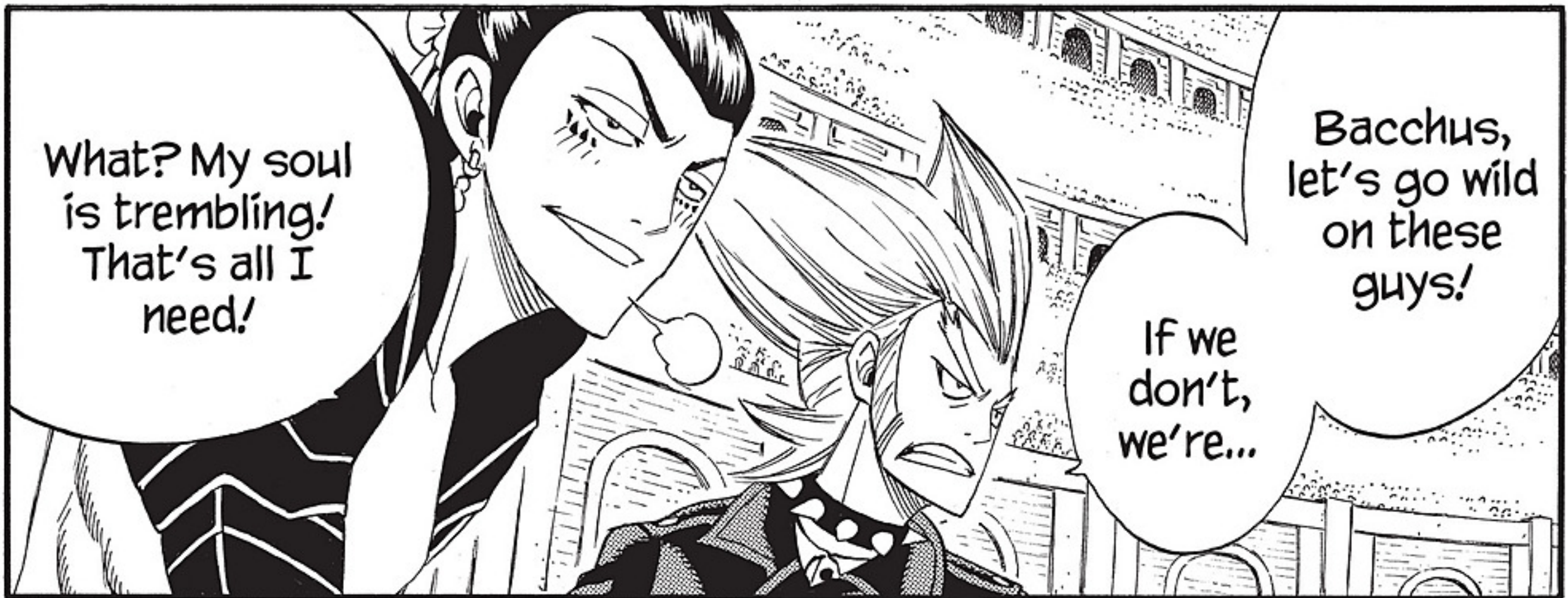
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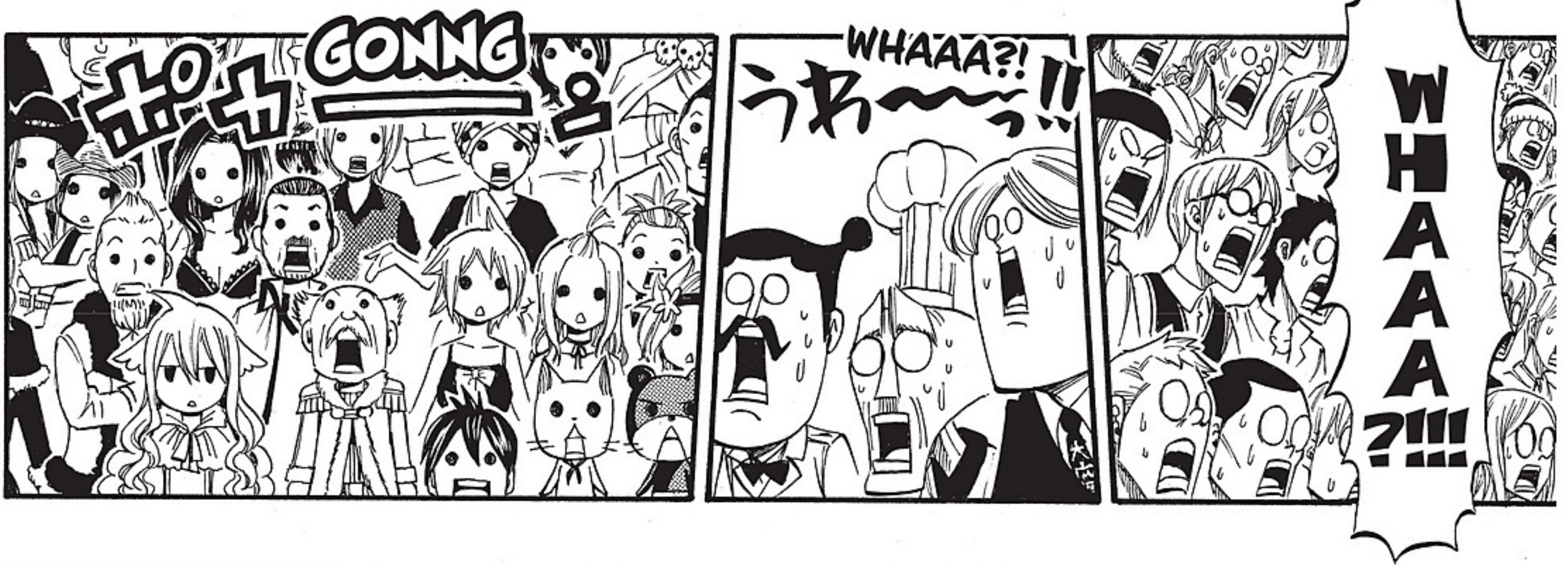
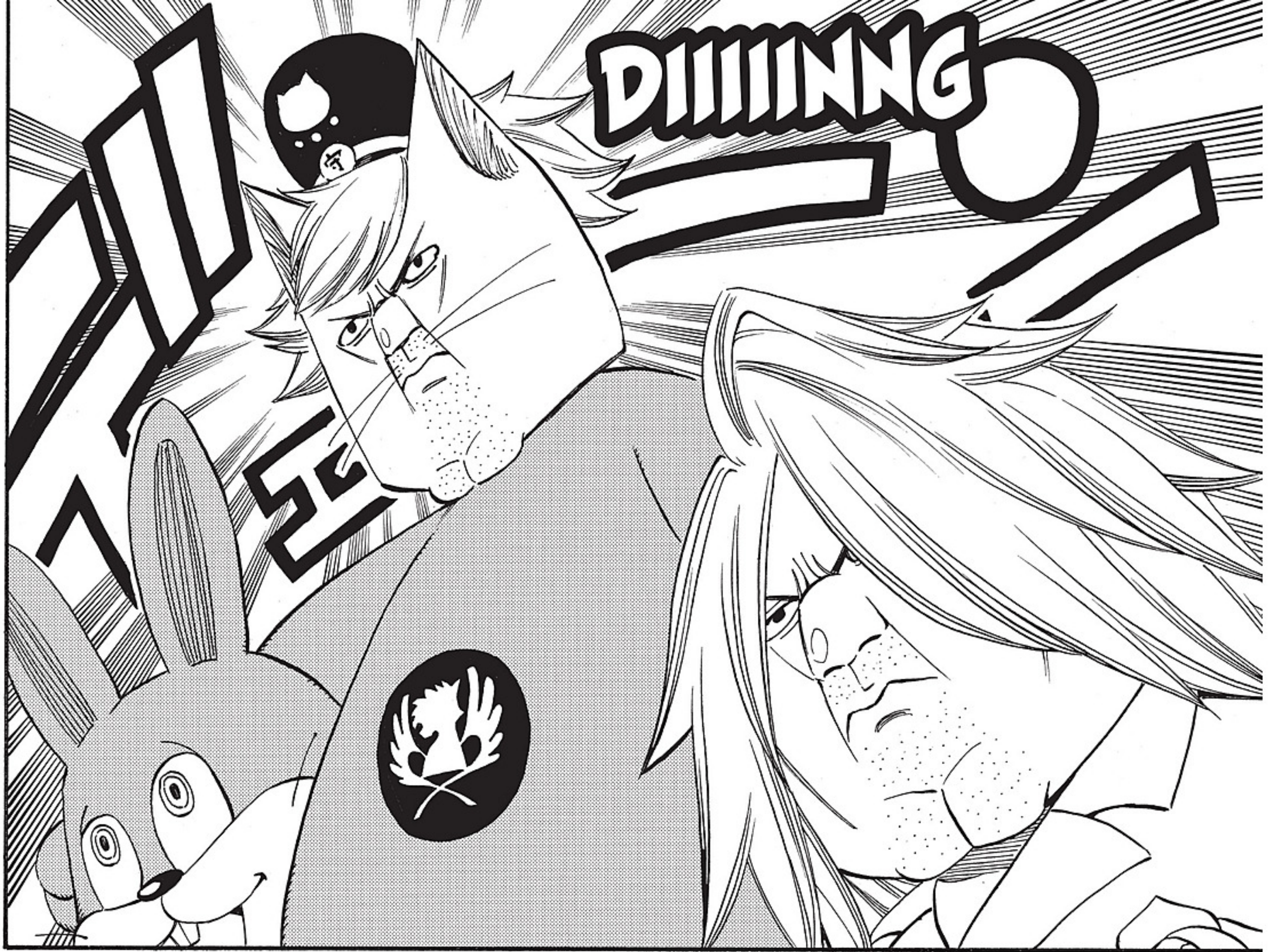
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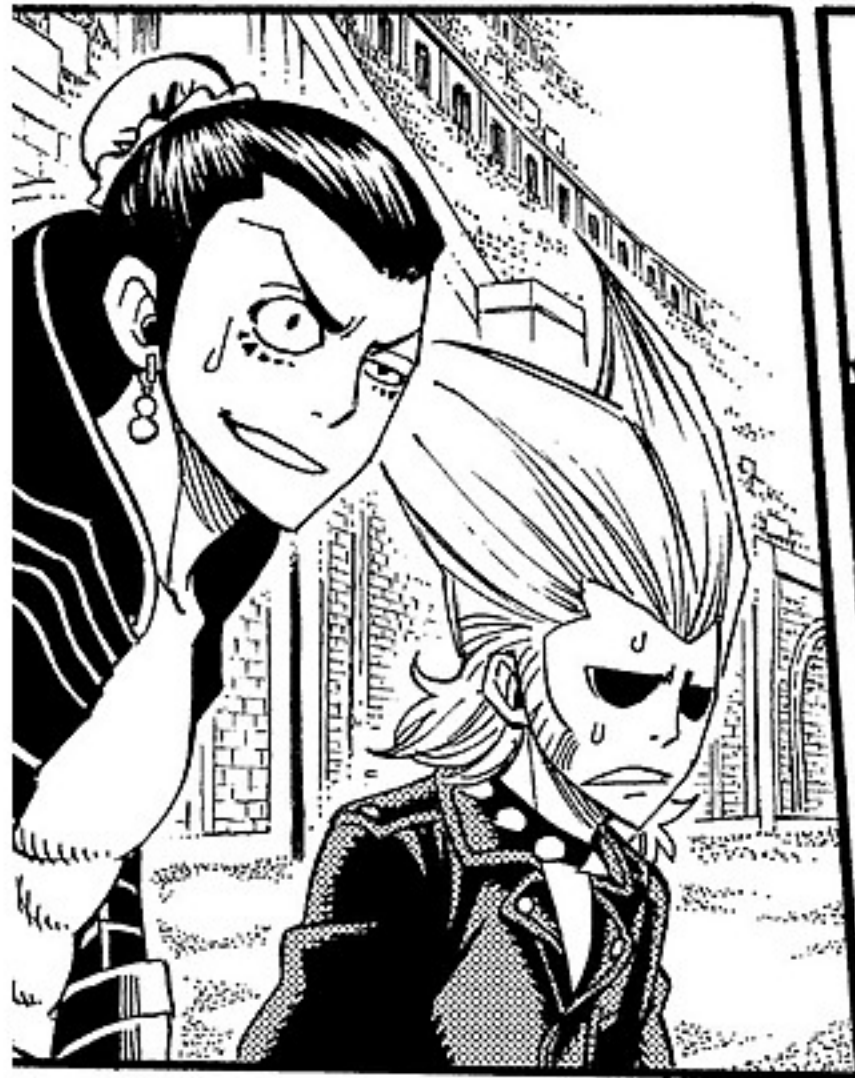
Chapter 293: A Gift for You of Perfume











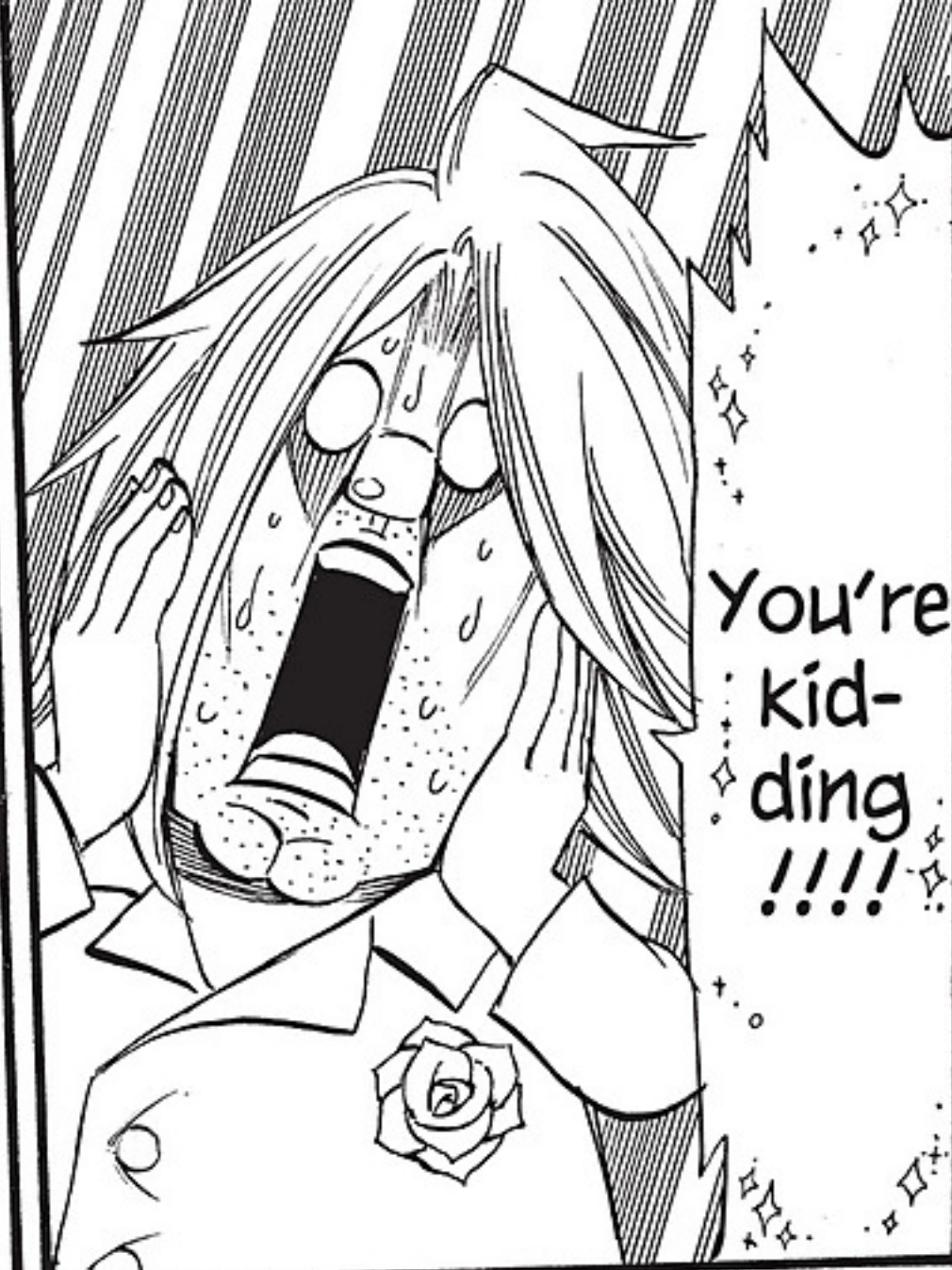


So we're going to win this, and win it *wild!!!*

We got nothing left to lose here!



Don't pull that crap on me!



You're kidding!!!!



W-Wait a second, you two!

DRILLIN' ROCK FOR YOU!!!



This match is history, thank you very much!

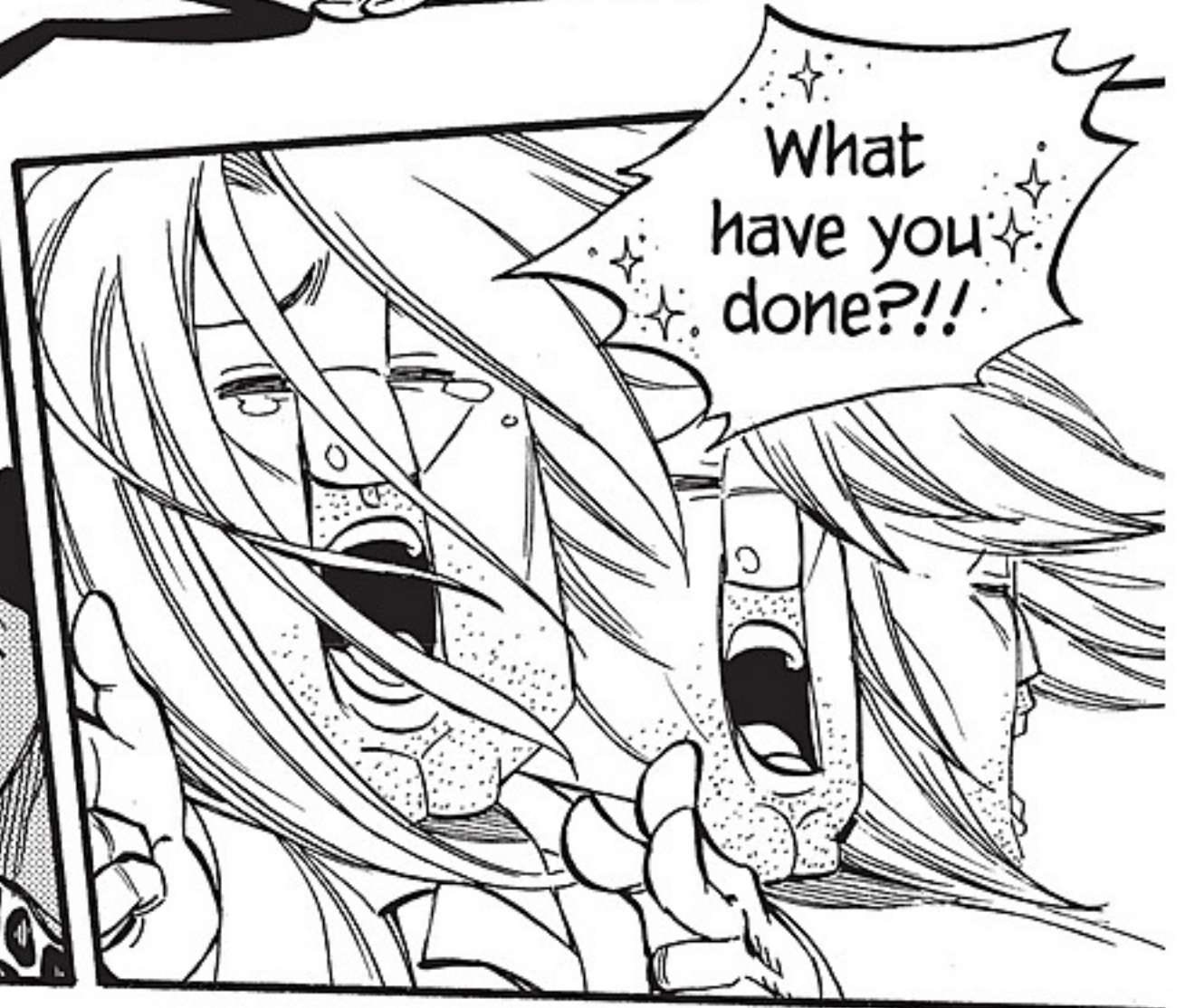
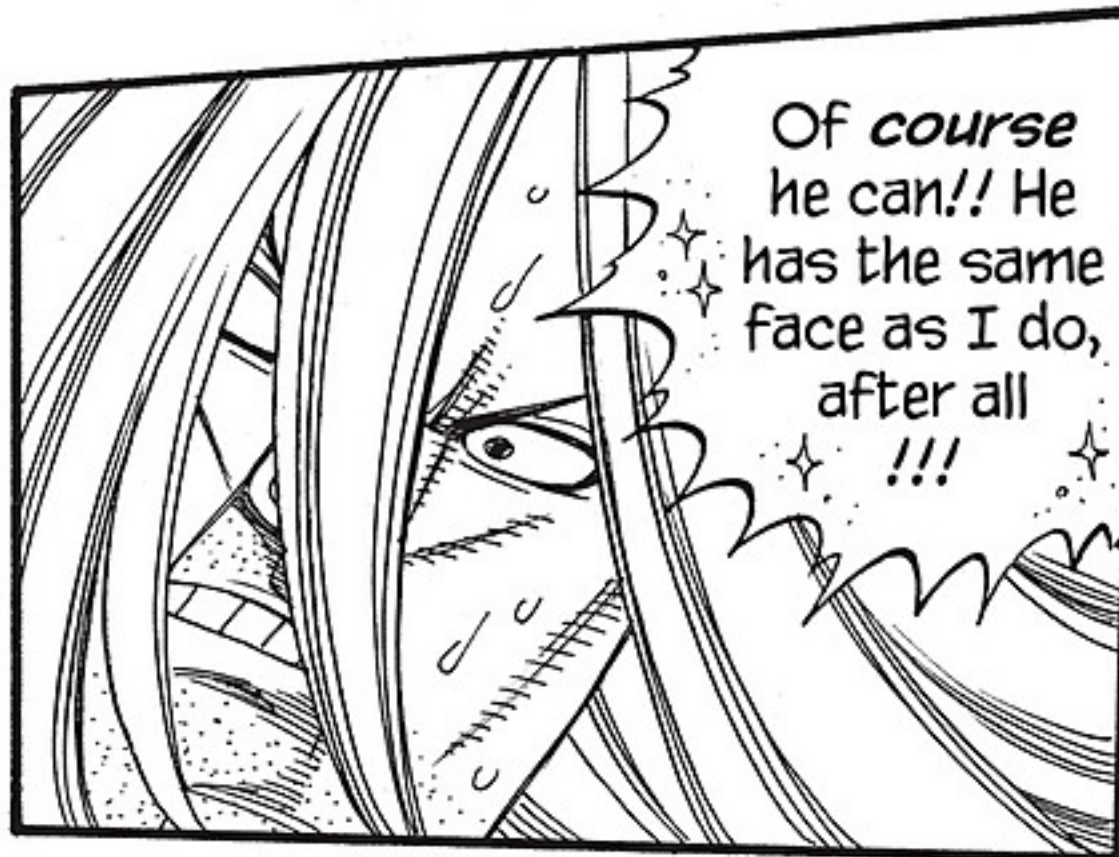
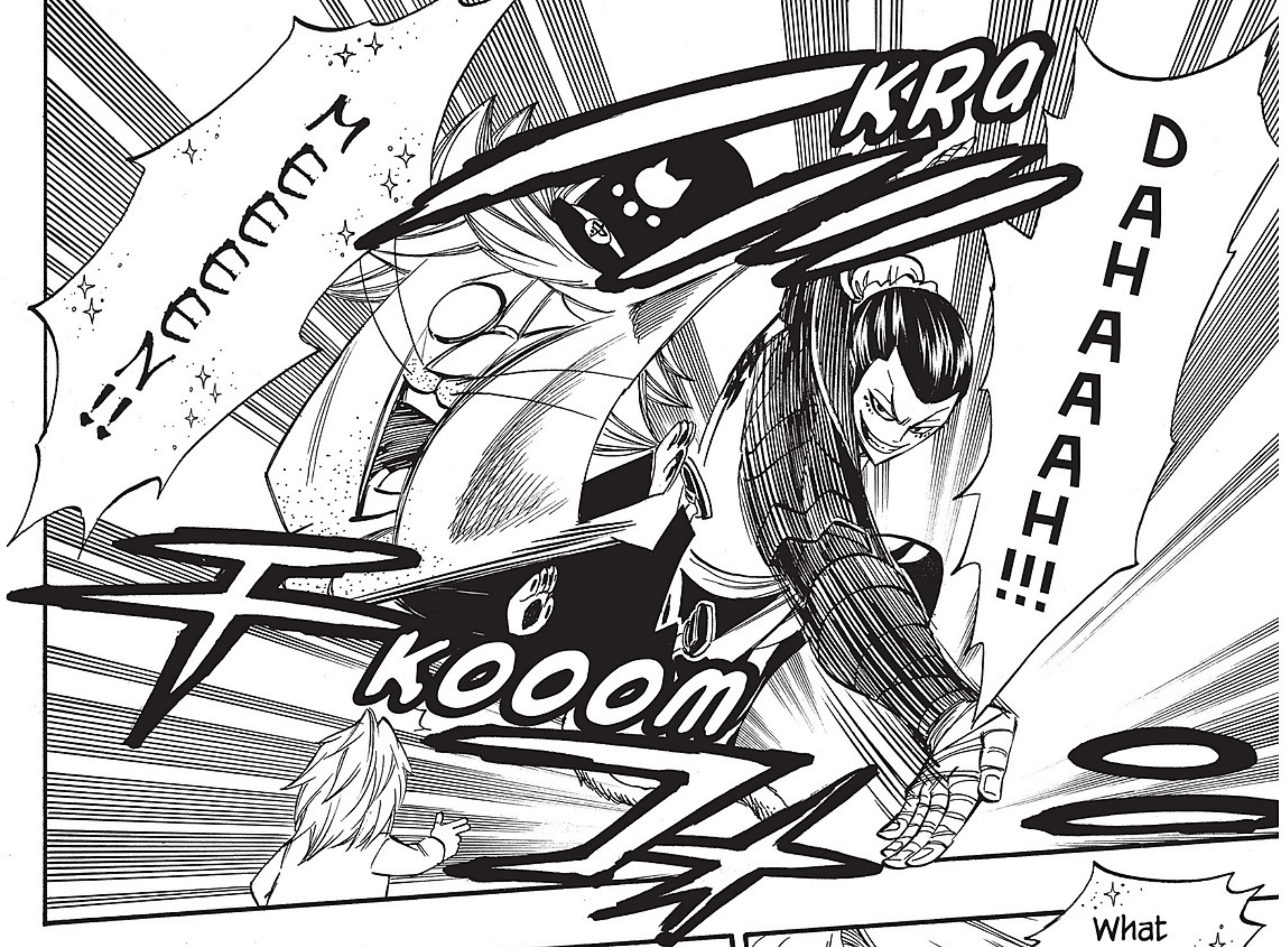
Issh it two against one?

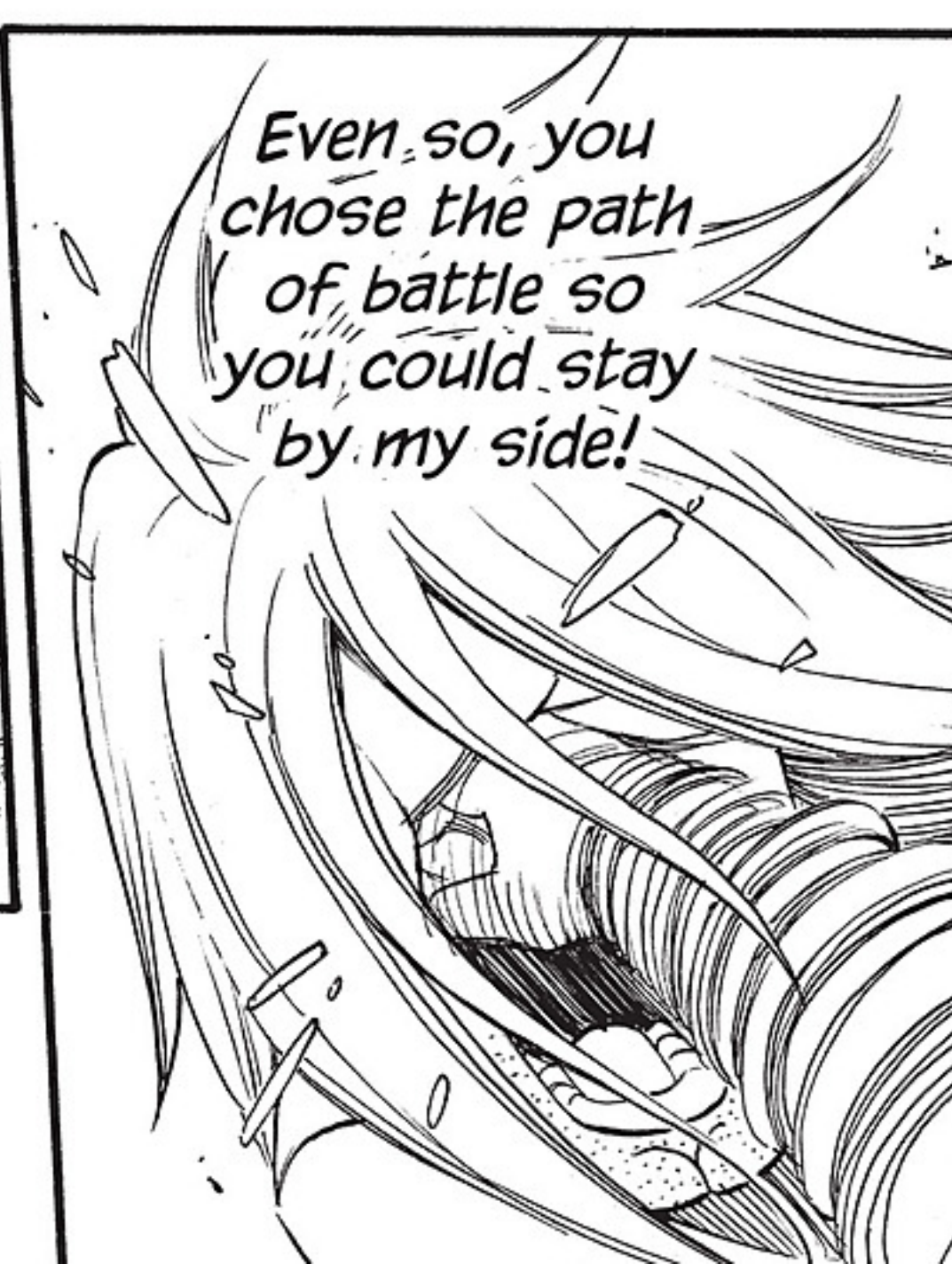
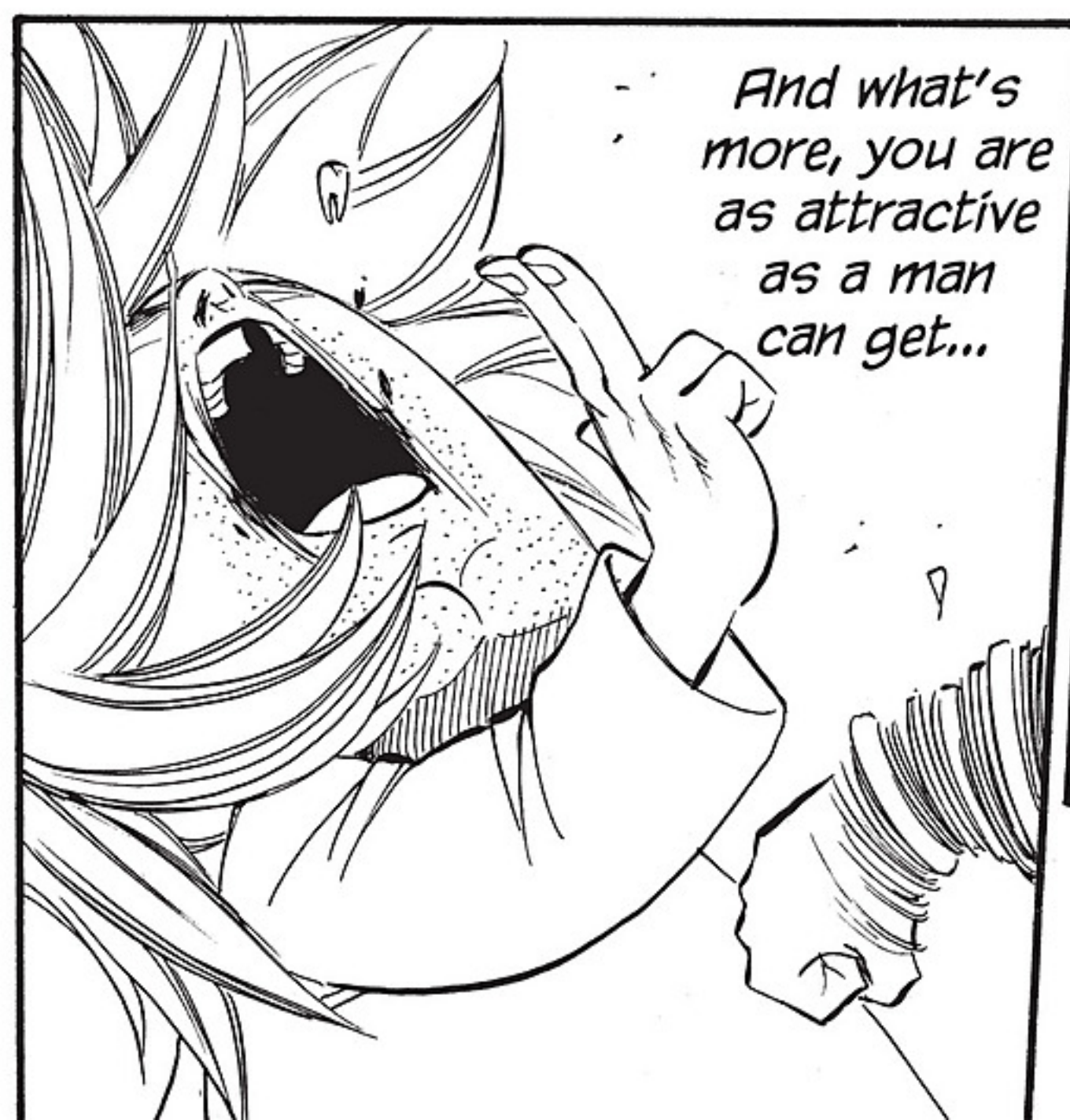
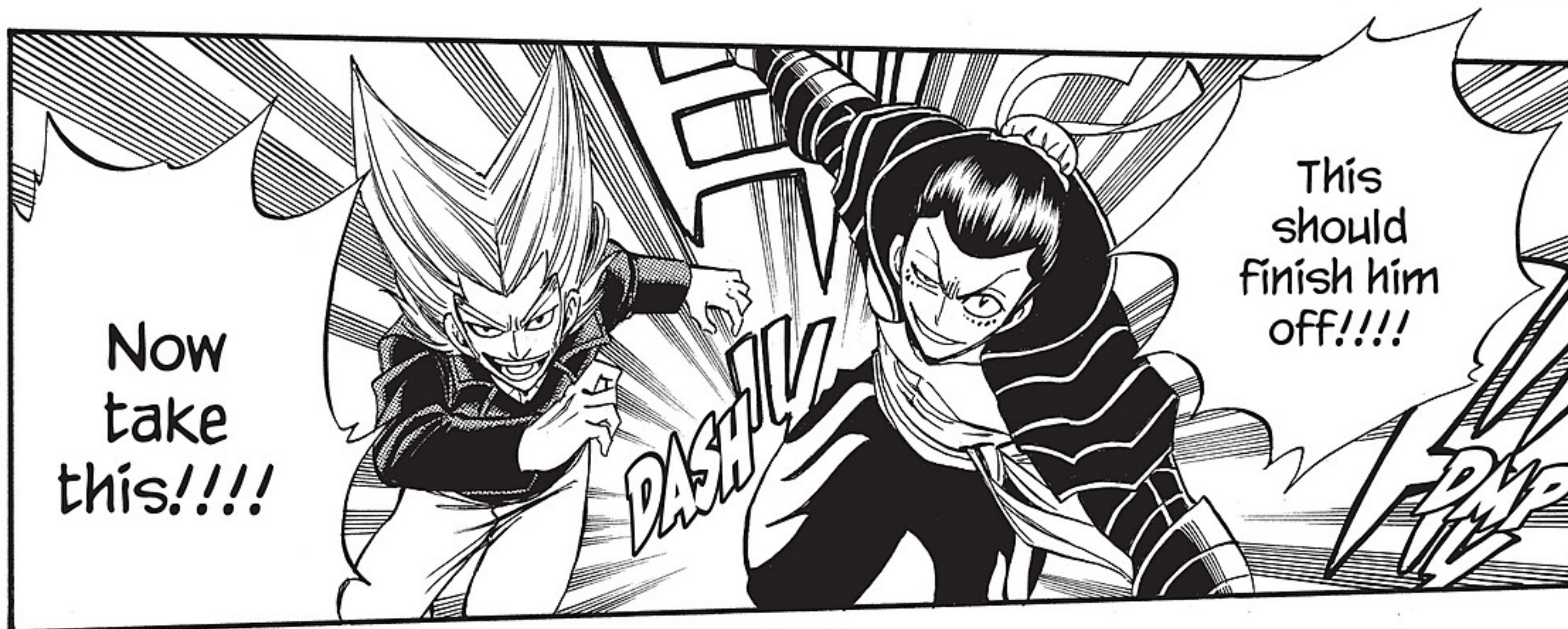
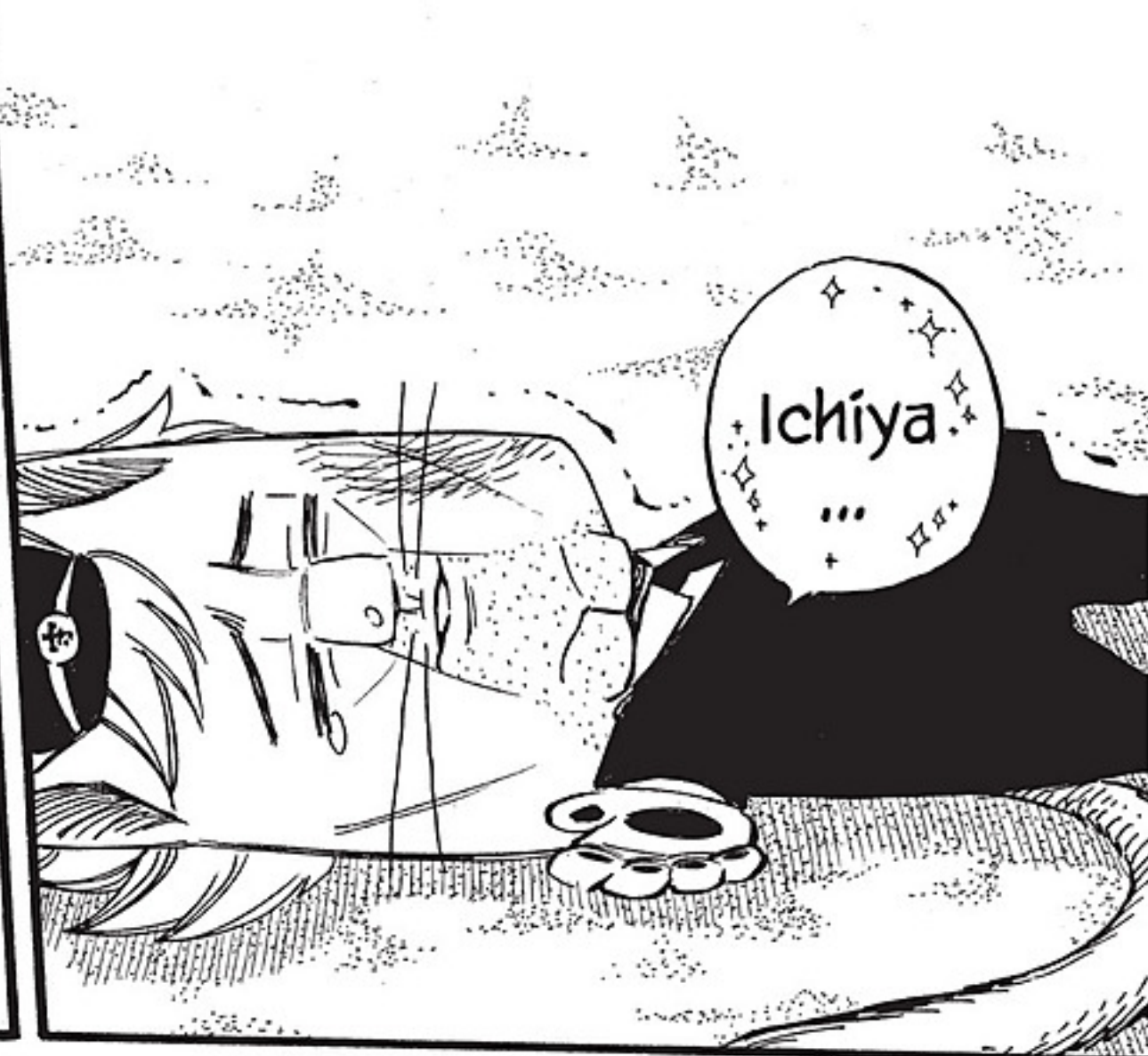
Just seconds after the rabbit's revealed, it's down!

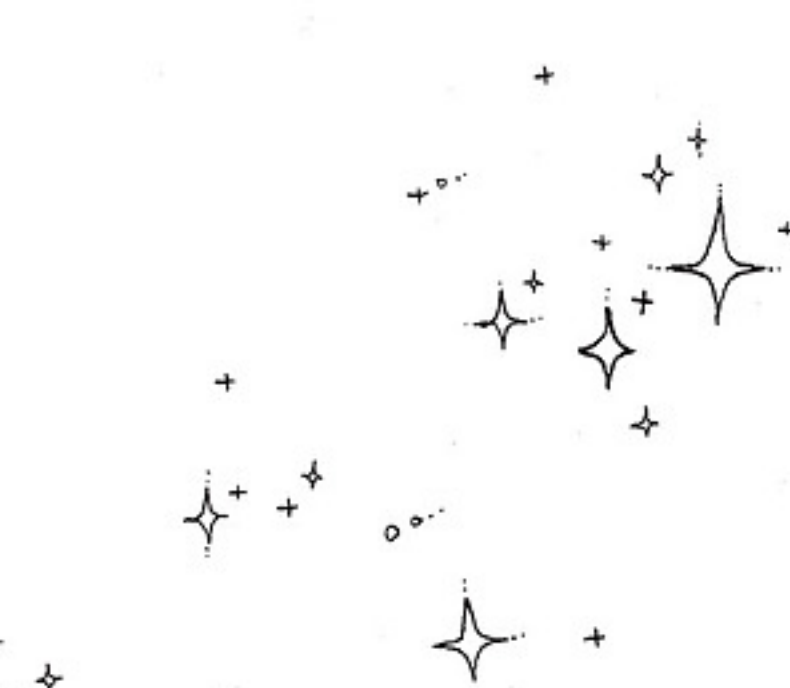


DRUNKEN PIGUA QUAN: MOONSET!!!!









*Because you
are handsome,*

For what reason do you suffer pain?

Why have you fallen?



**You shall
smell a
perfume
that I call
victory!!!!**

***I shall
give you
a gift!***

This is my Beautiful Dreamer's ...

You will take this in full!

That's his
Perfume
of Power
!!

Wh-Why's
the guy
turning
wild all
of a
sudden?

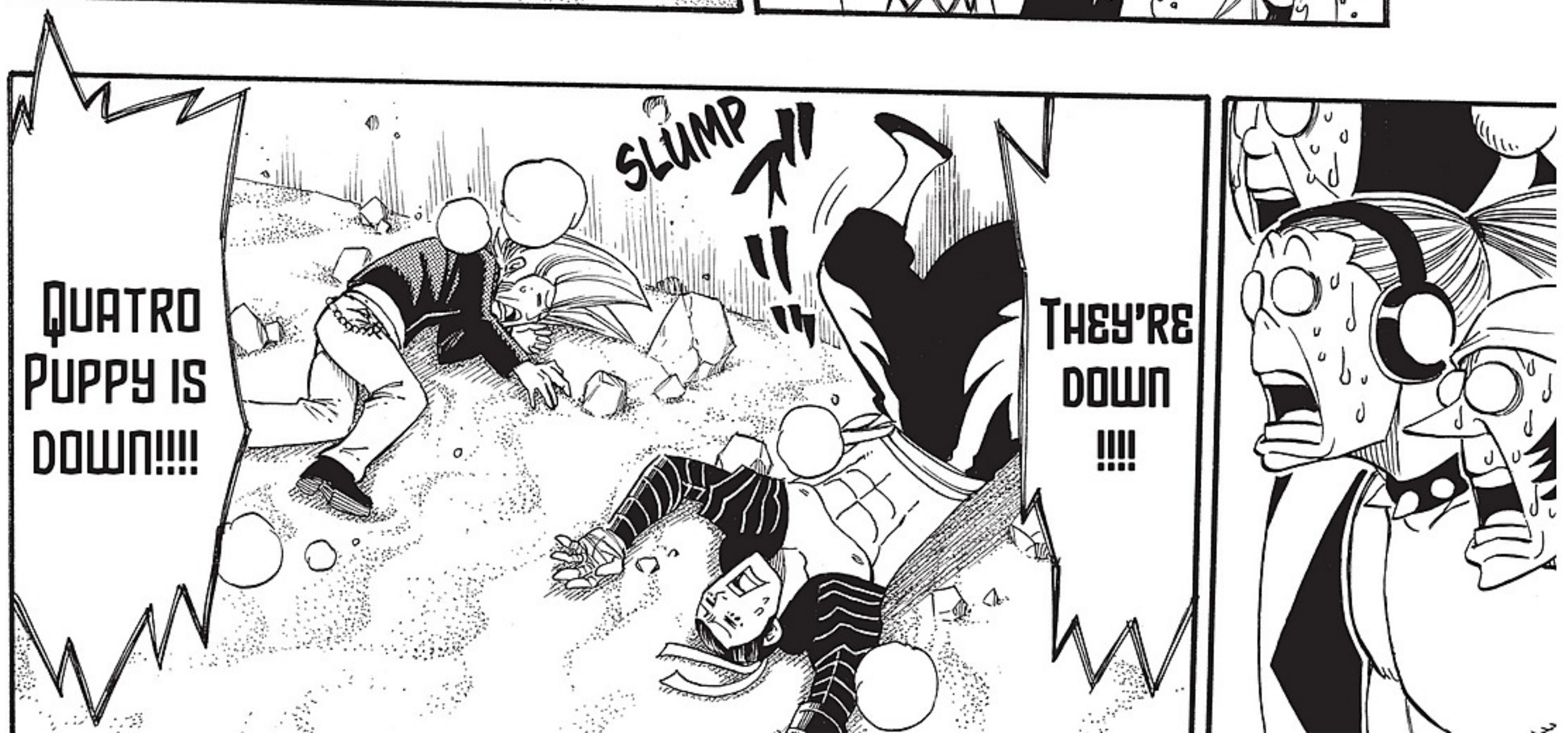
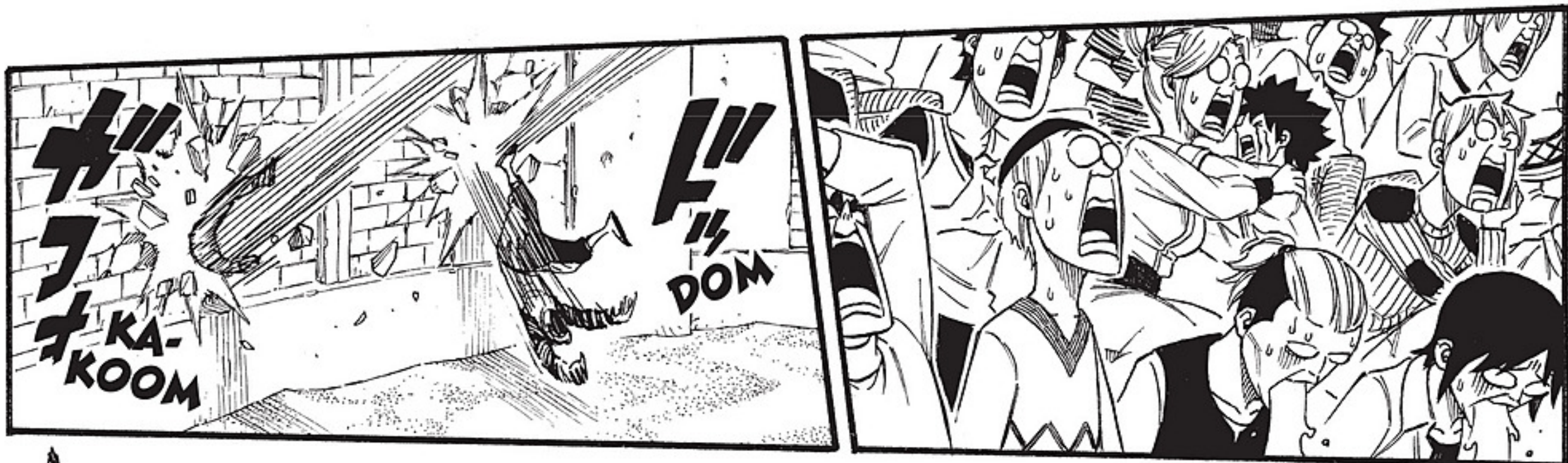
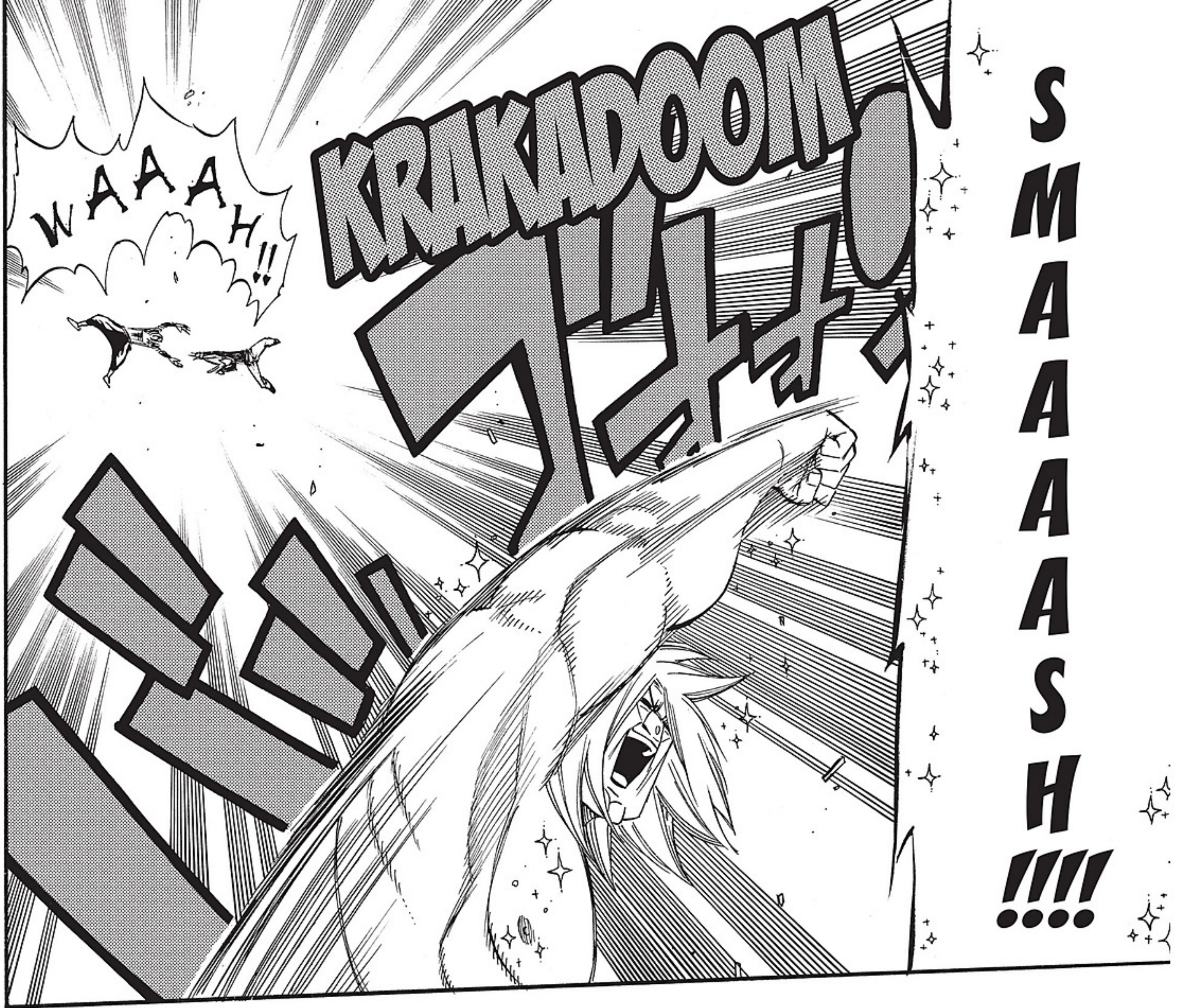


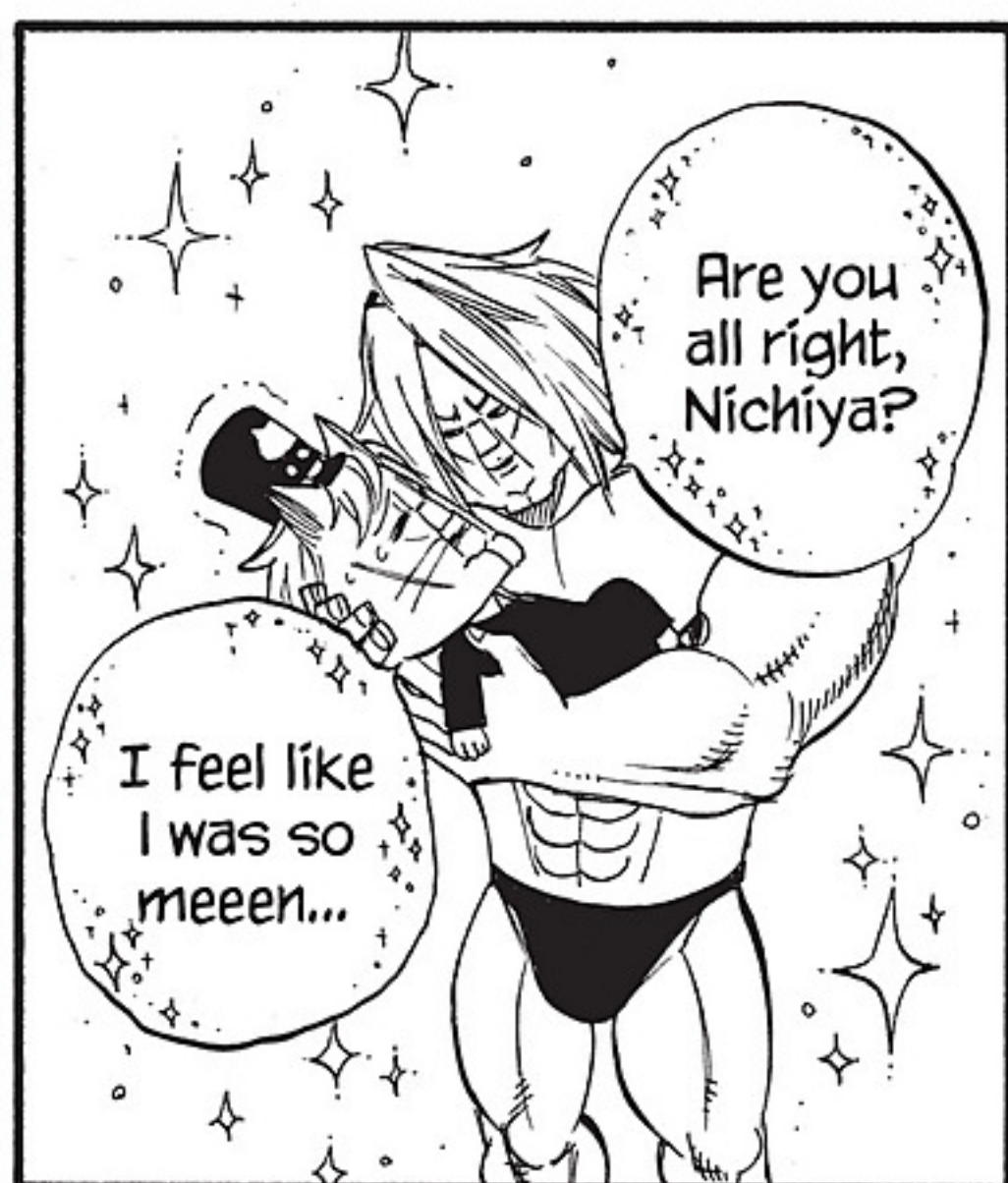
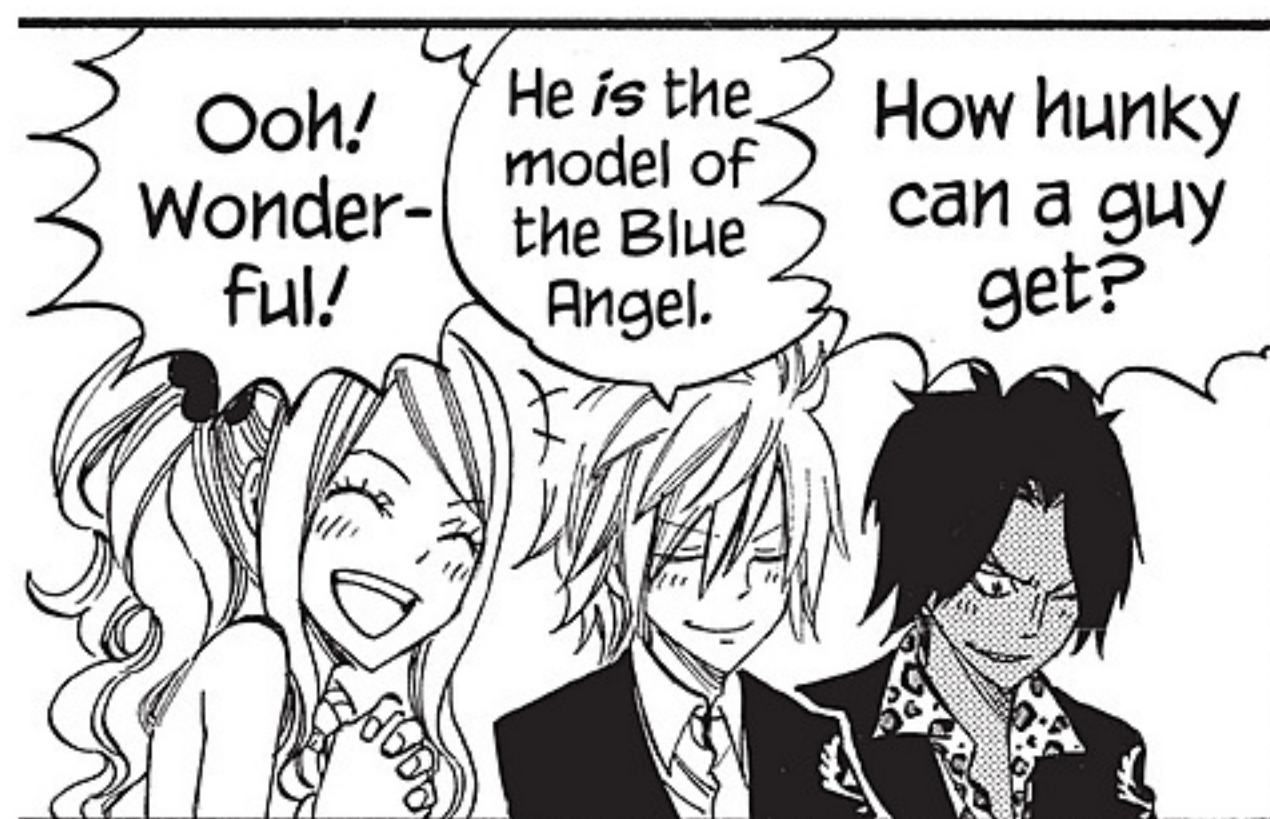
A close-up, black and white illustration of a character's face. The character has a stern, somewhat angry expression, with furrowed brows and a slight frown. They have dark, spiky hair and are wearing a dark, high-collared garment. A small, round earring is visible on their left ear. The style is characteristic of manga art.

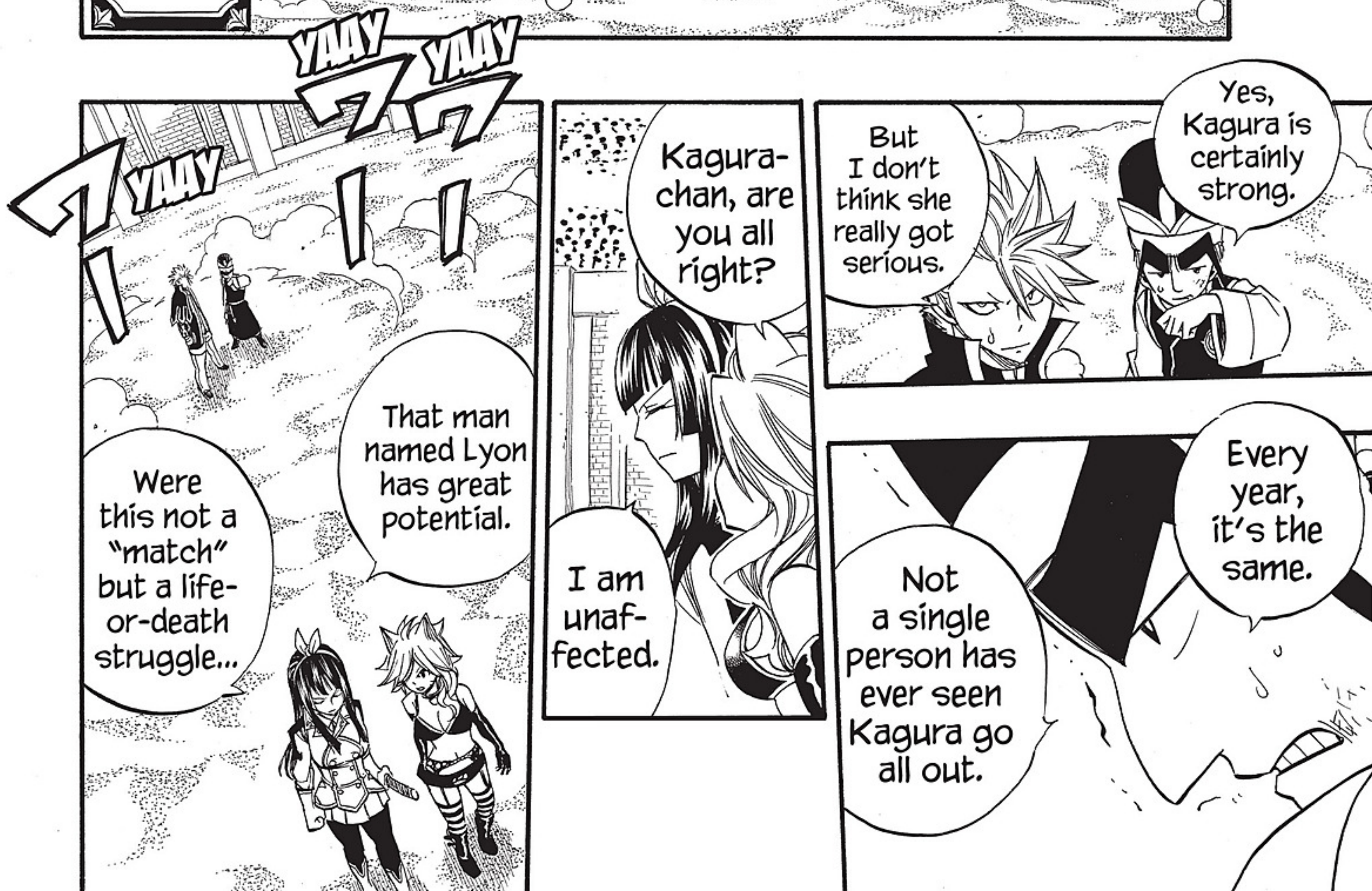
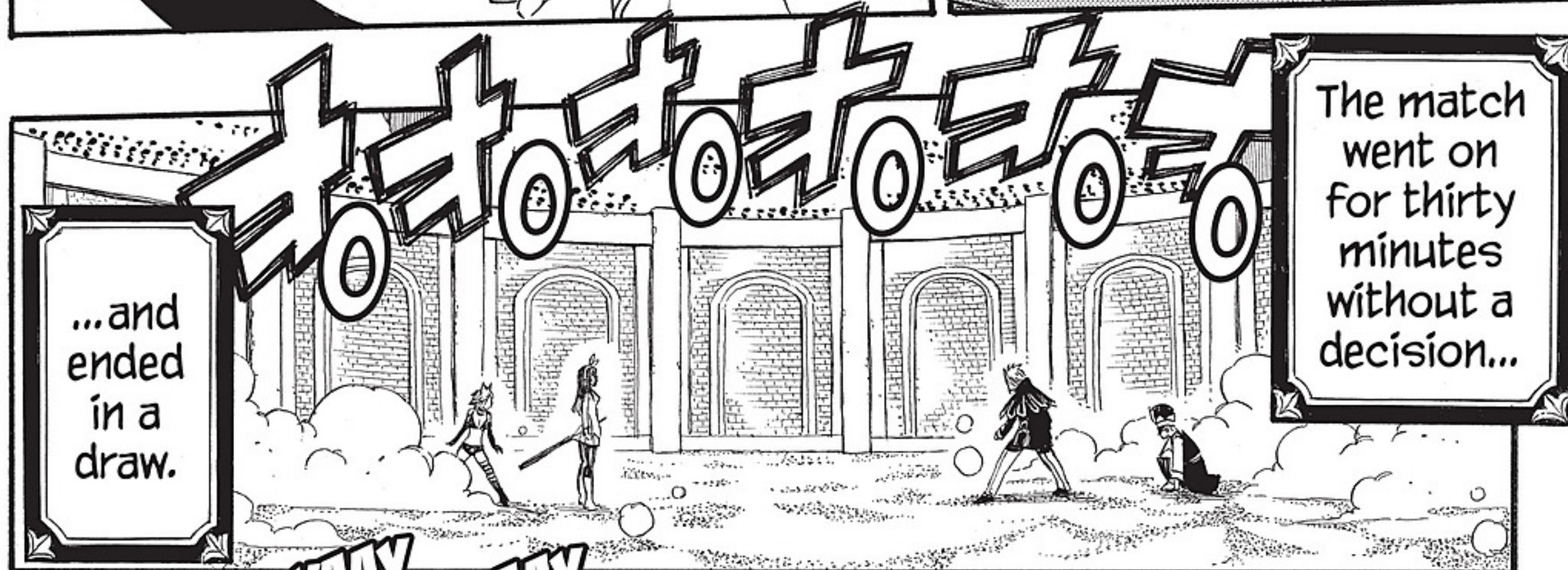
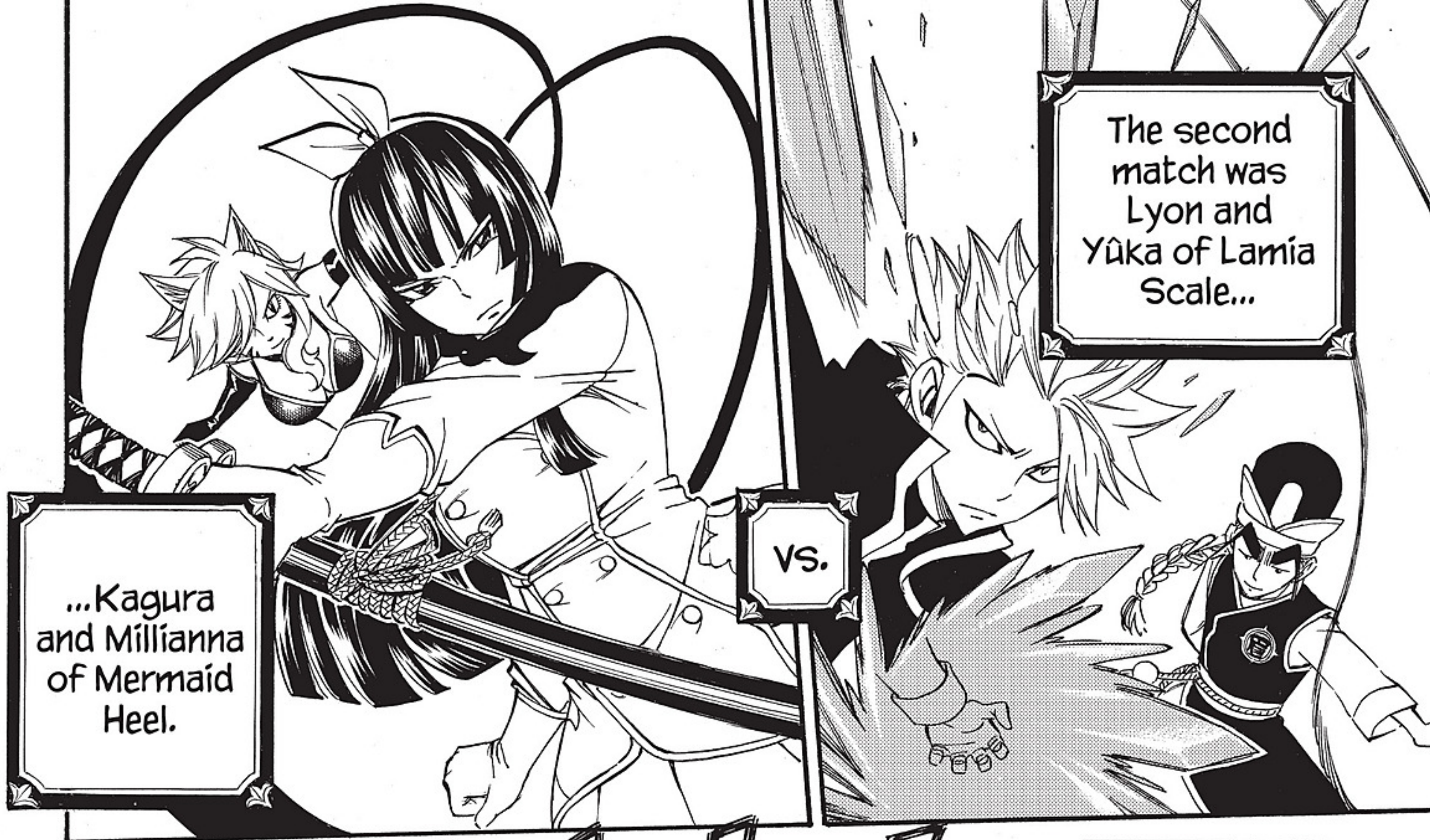
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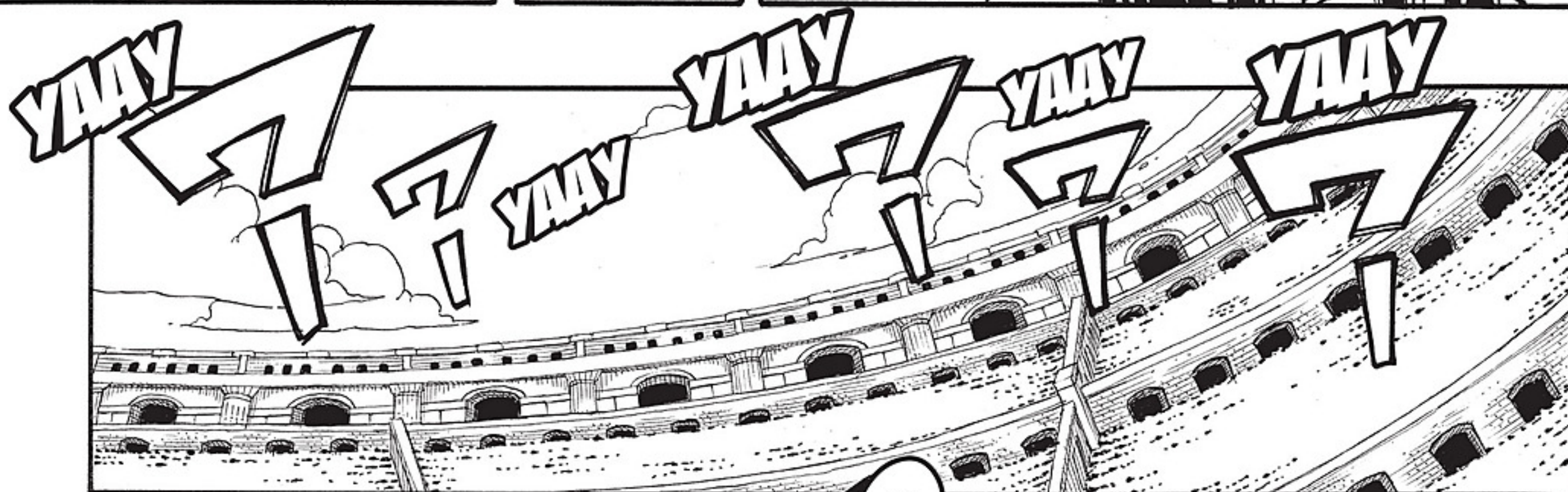
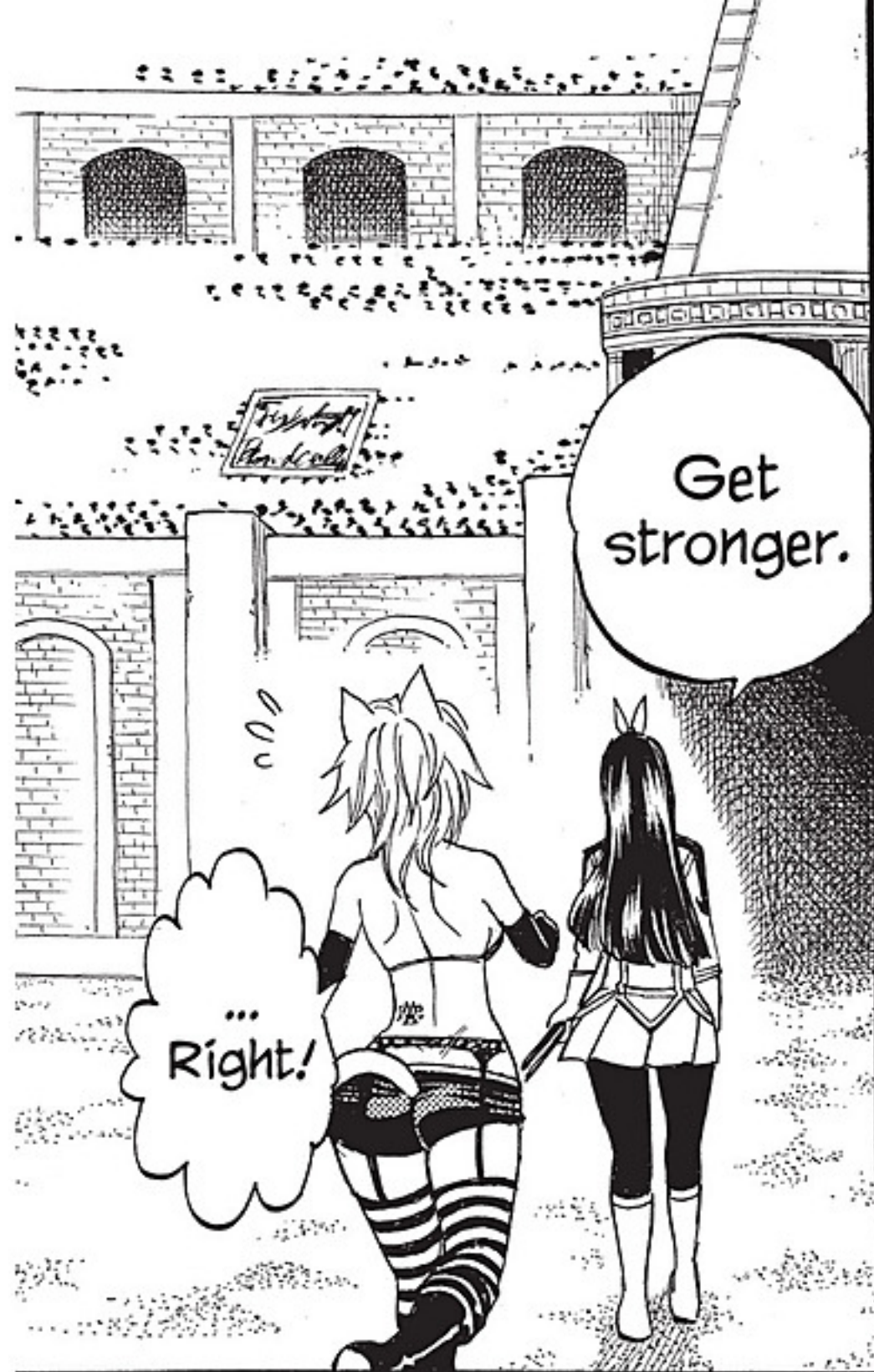
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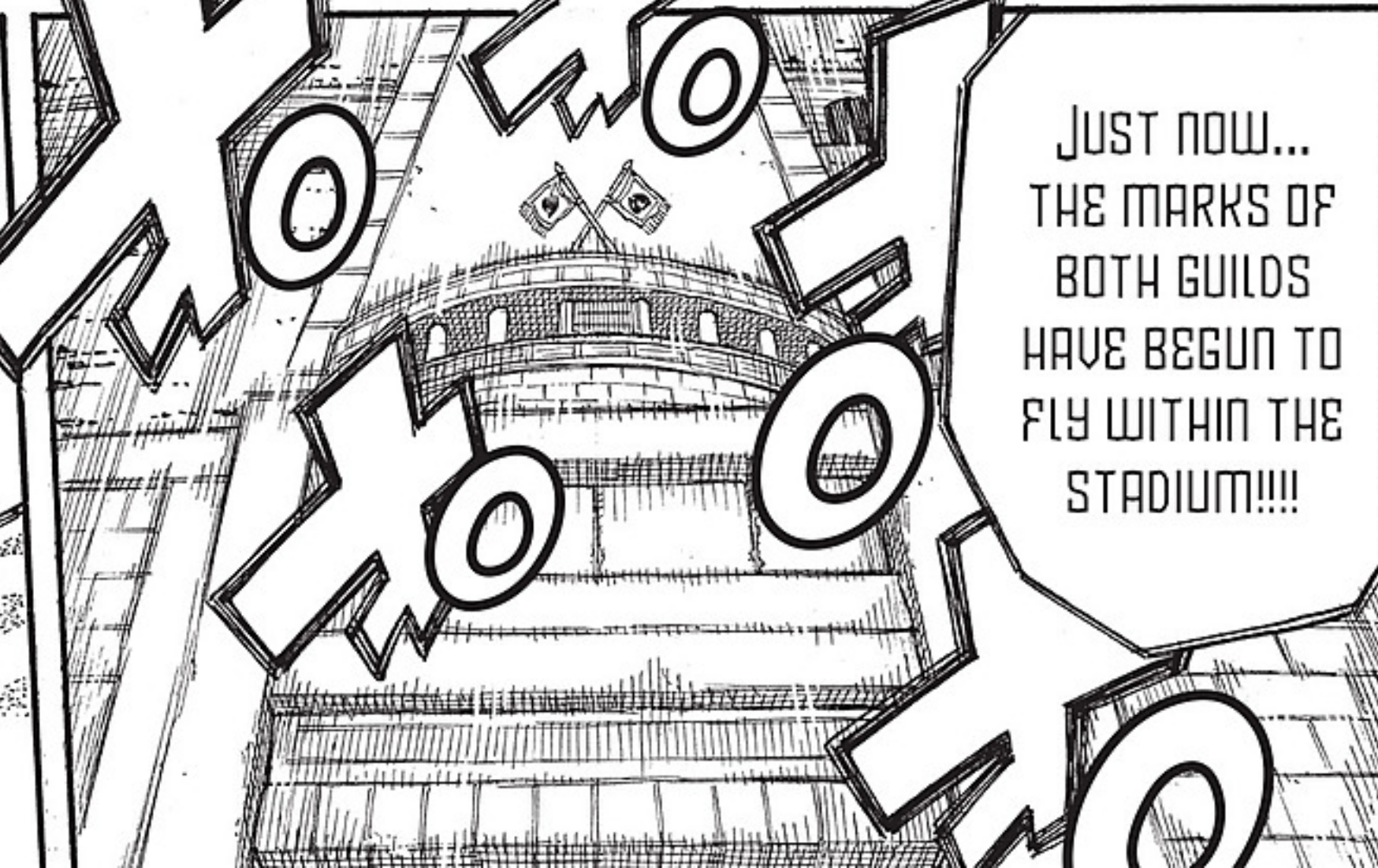




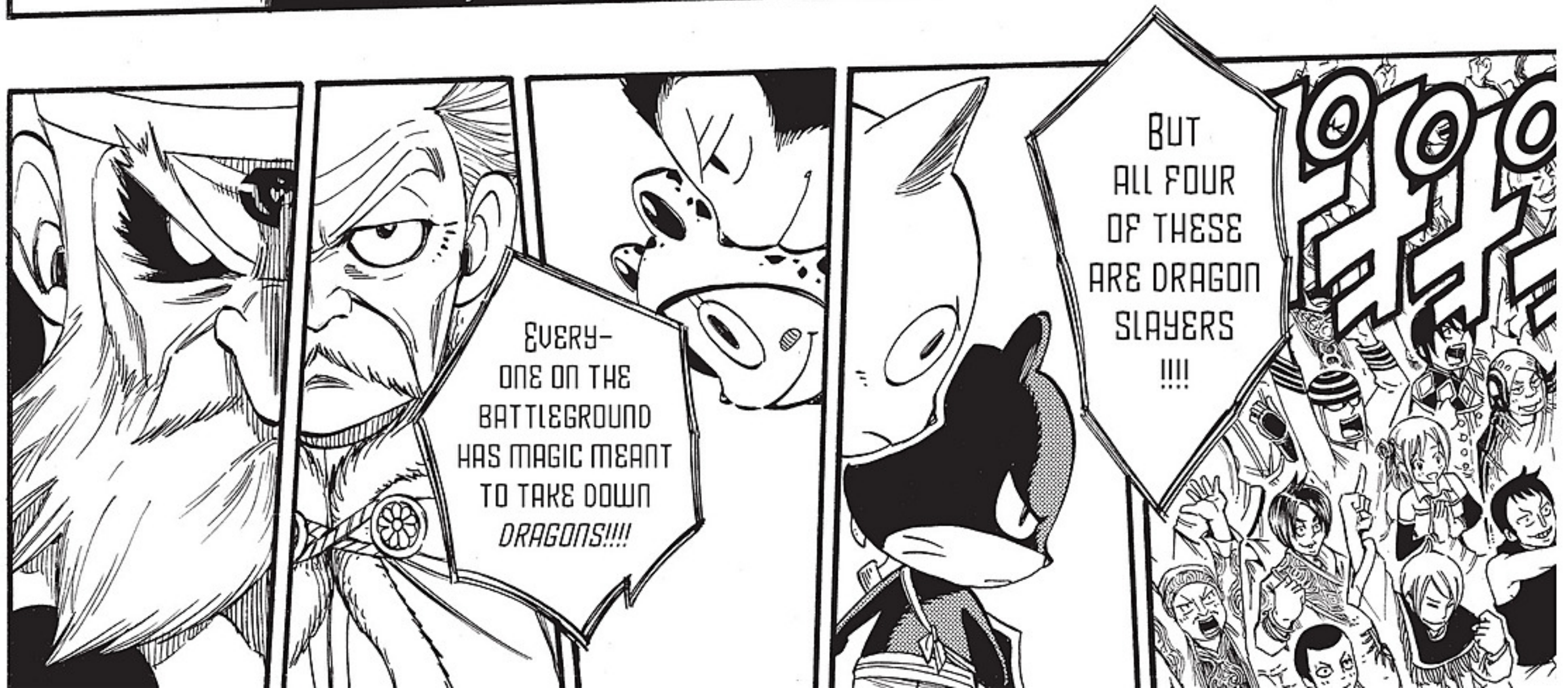
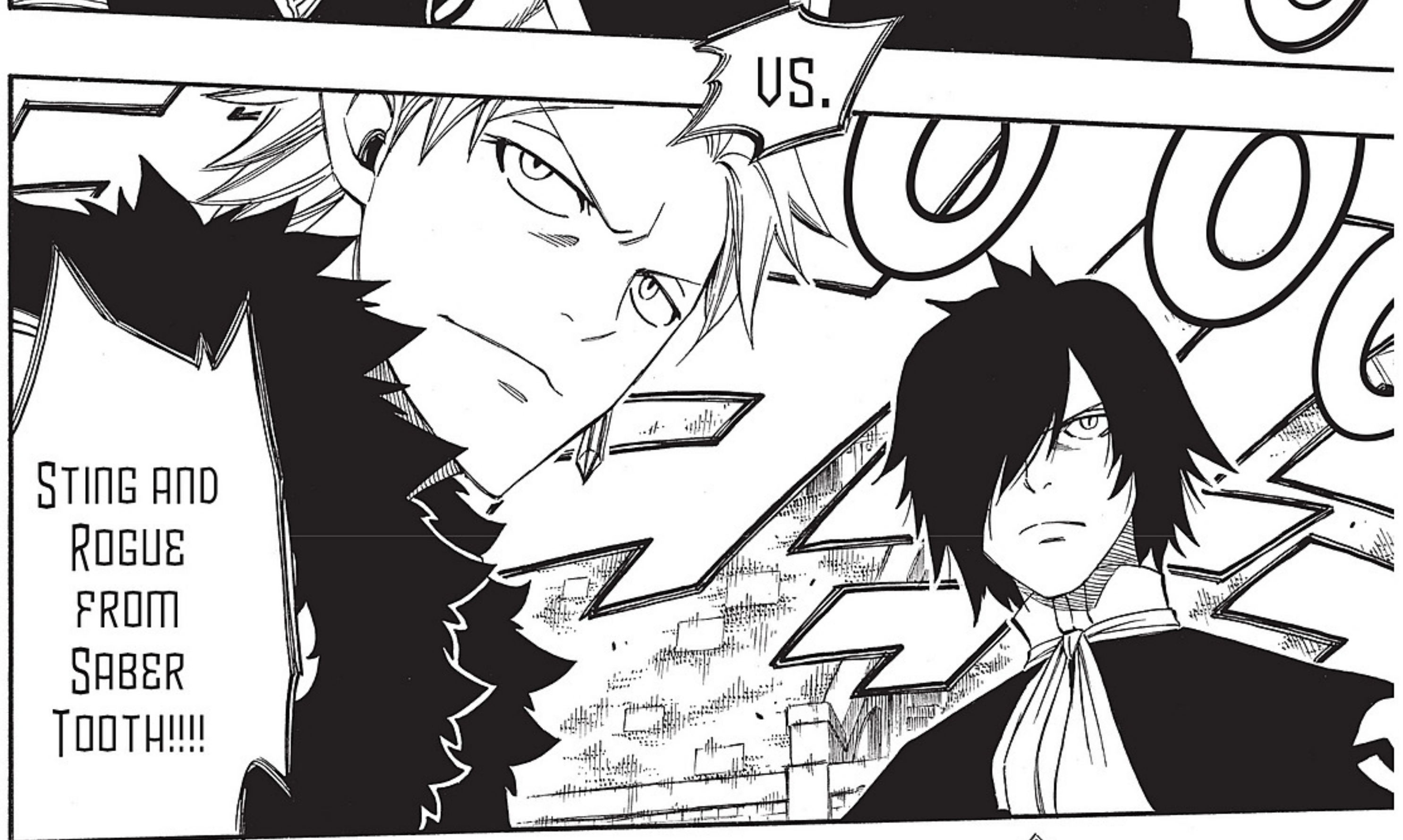
AS THE CHEERS
SHOW NO SIGN OF
SUBSIDING, WE
KNOW YOU WON'T
EVEN WANT TO
BLINK DURING THIS
NEXT BATTLE!!!!

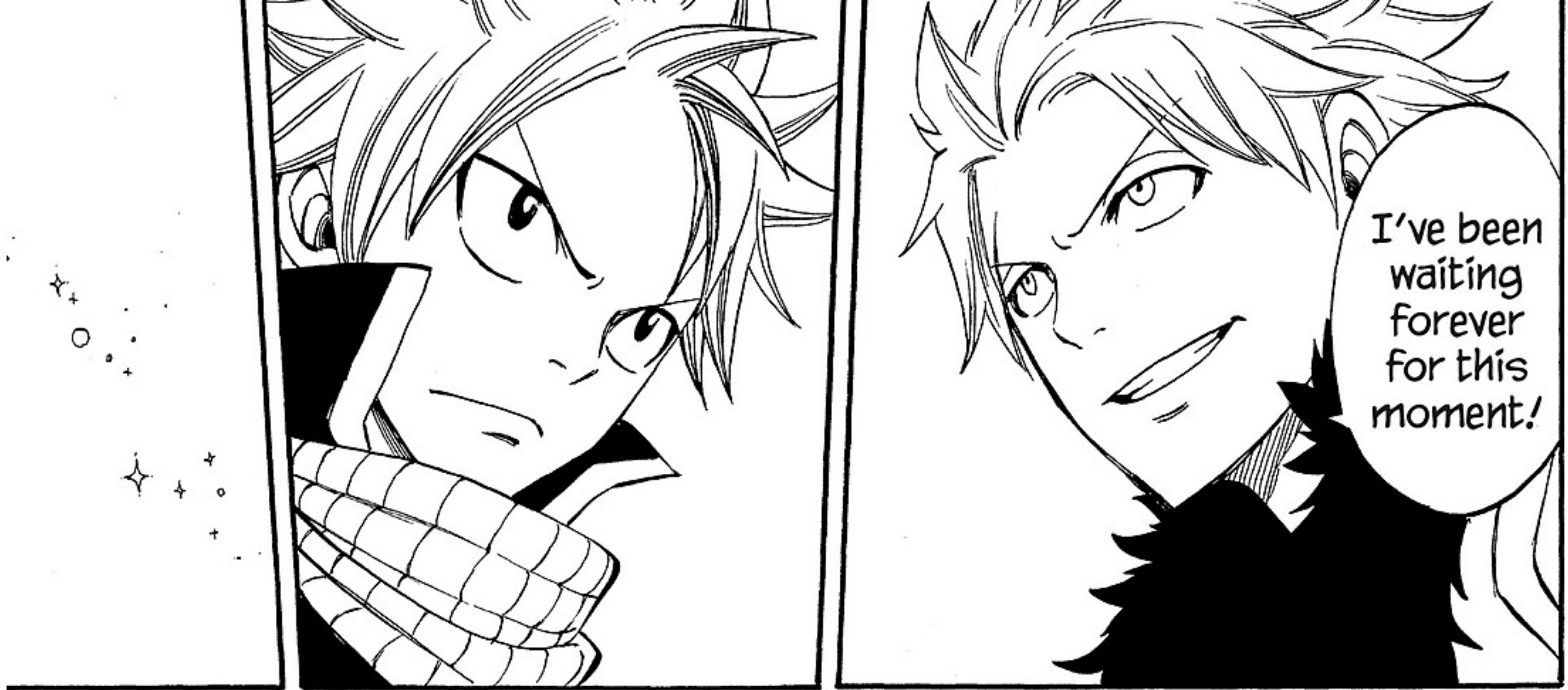


THE GUILD
THAT WAS
SAID TO BE THE
STRONGEST
SEVEN YEARS
AGO...



JUST NOW...
THE MARKS OF
BOTH GUILDS
HAVE BEGUN TO
FLY WITHIN THE
STADIUM!!!!







RUMMBLE

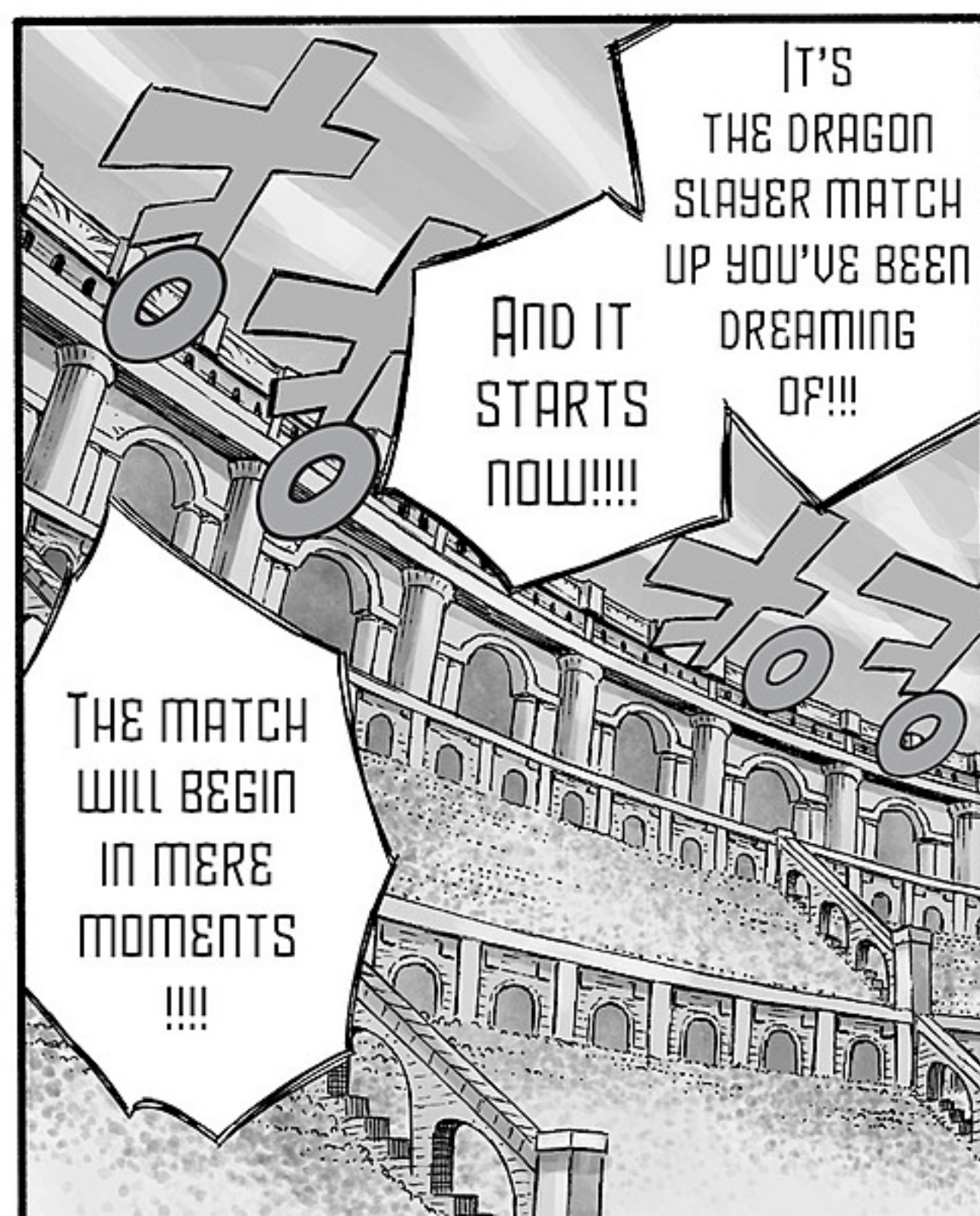
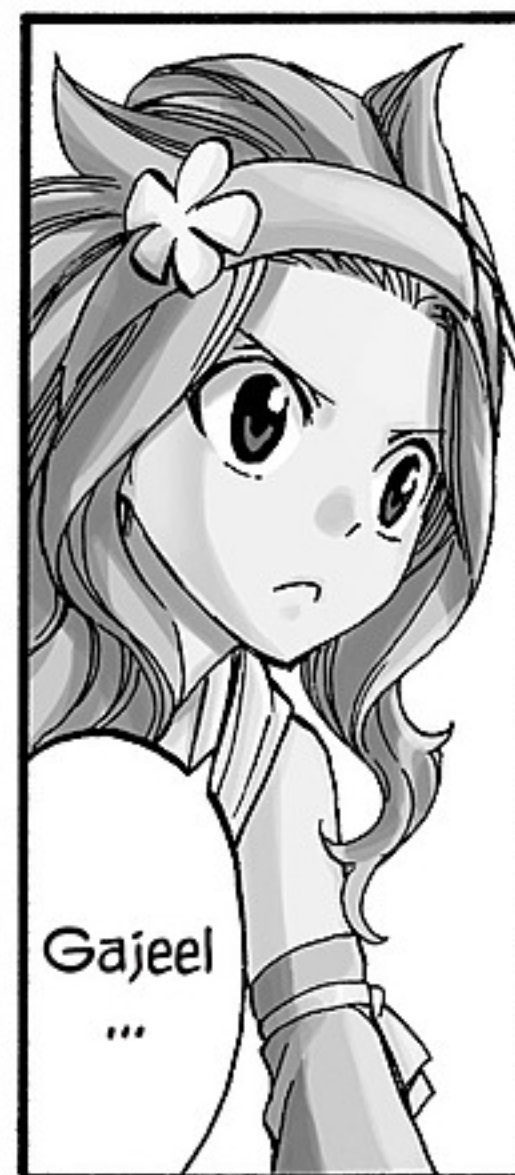
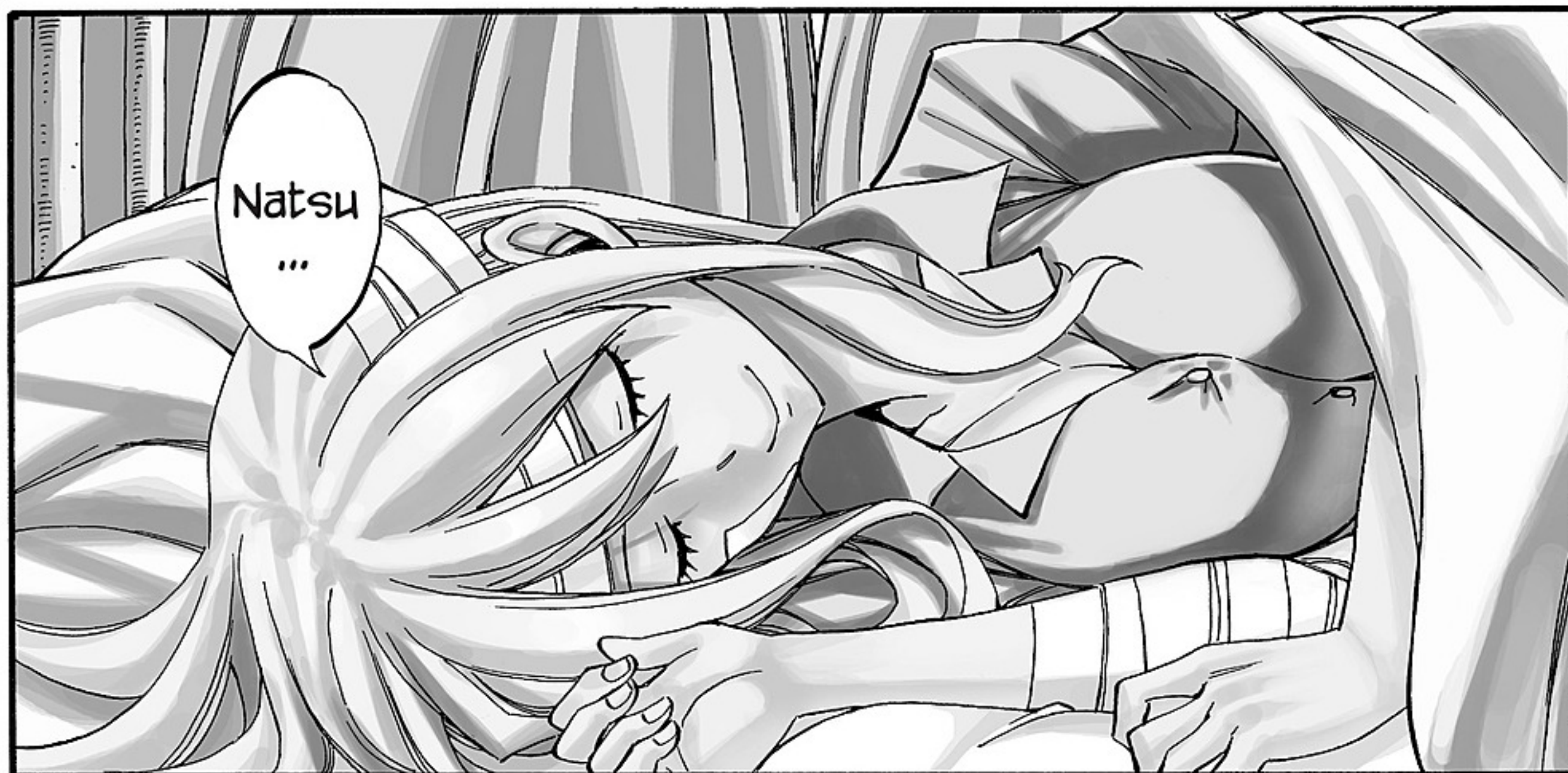
*The
Dragon
King
Festival
will soon
be upon
us!*

*The time
for us to
move is
near!*



IT'S TIME
FOR THE
CLASH
!!!!

WILL THE
WINNERS BE THE
TIGERS OR THE
FAIRIES?!!! WE
HAVE UNLEASHED
FOUR DRAGONS
ONTO THE
BATTLEFIELD
!!!!

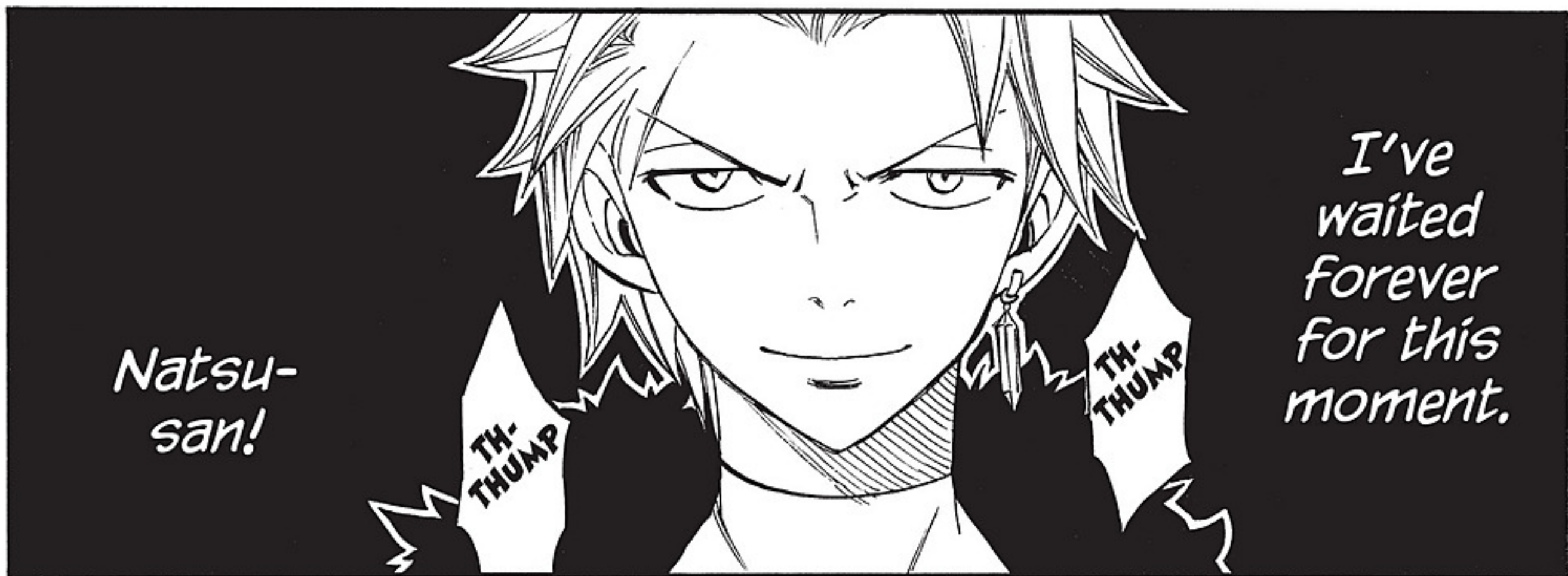


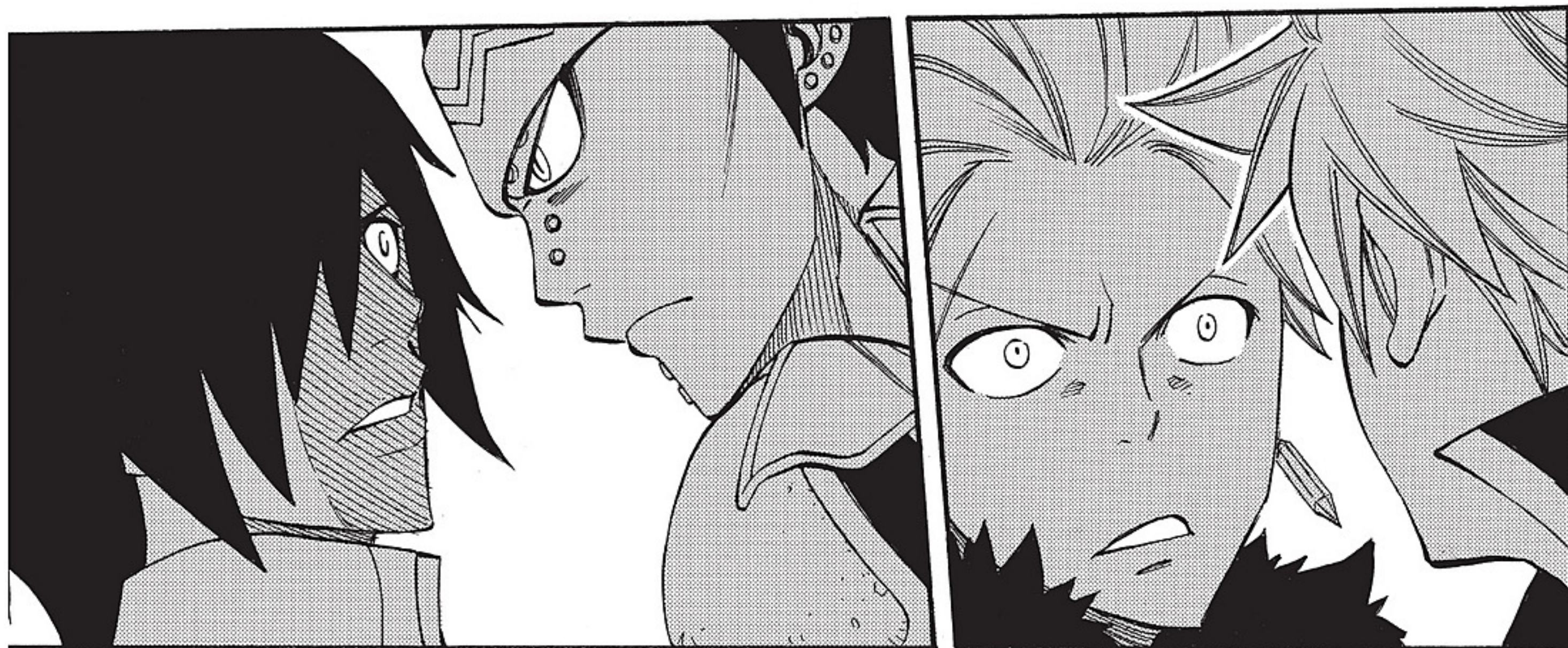
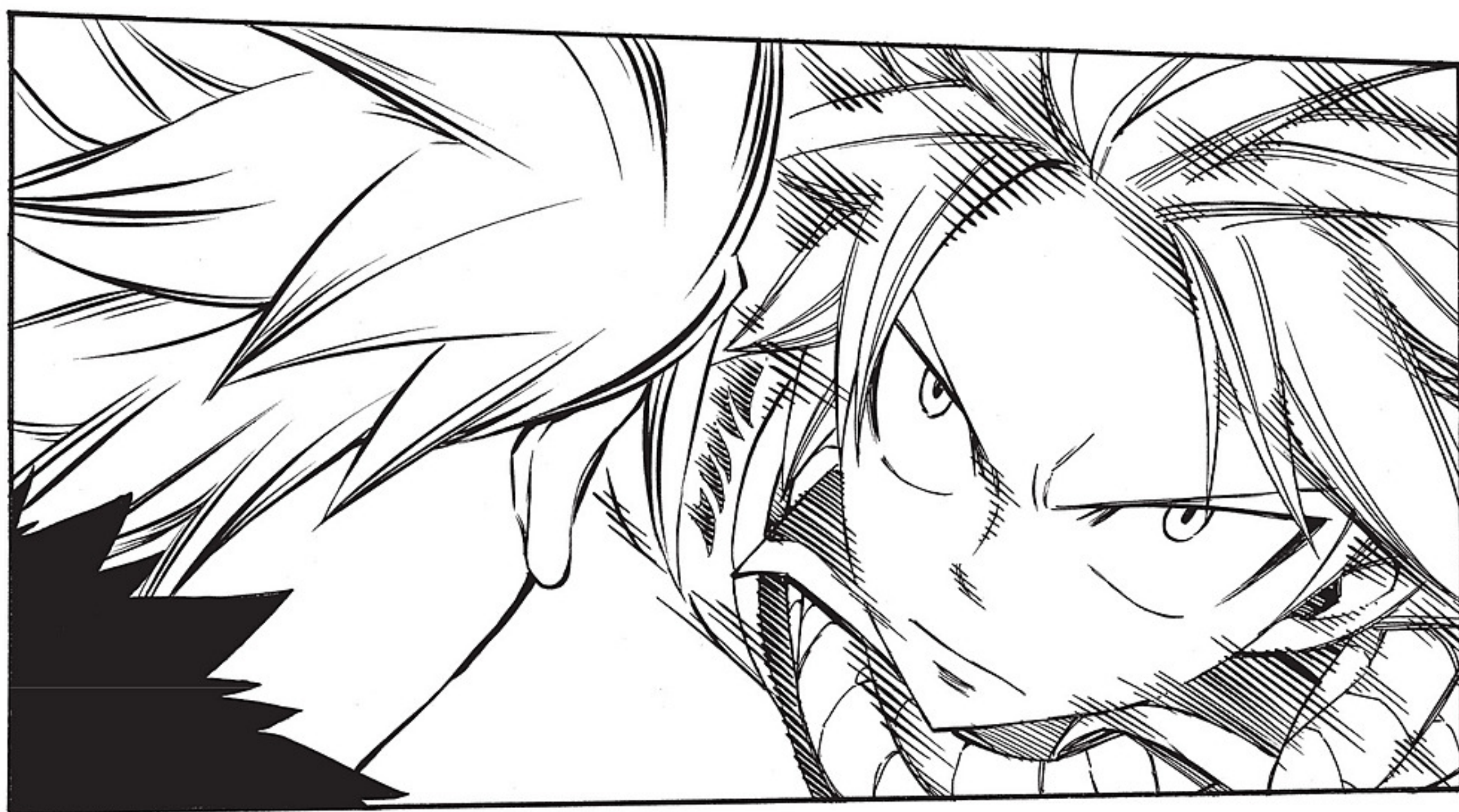


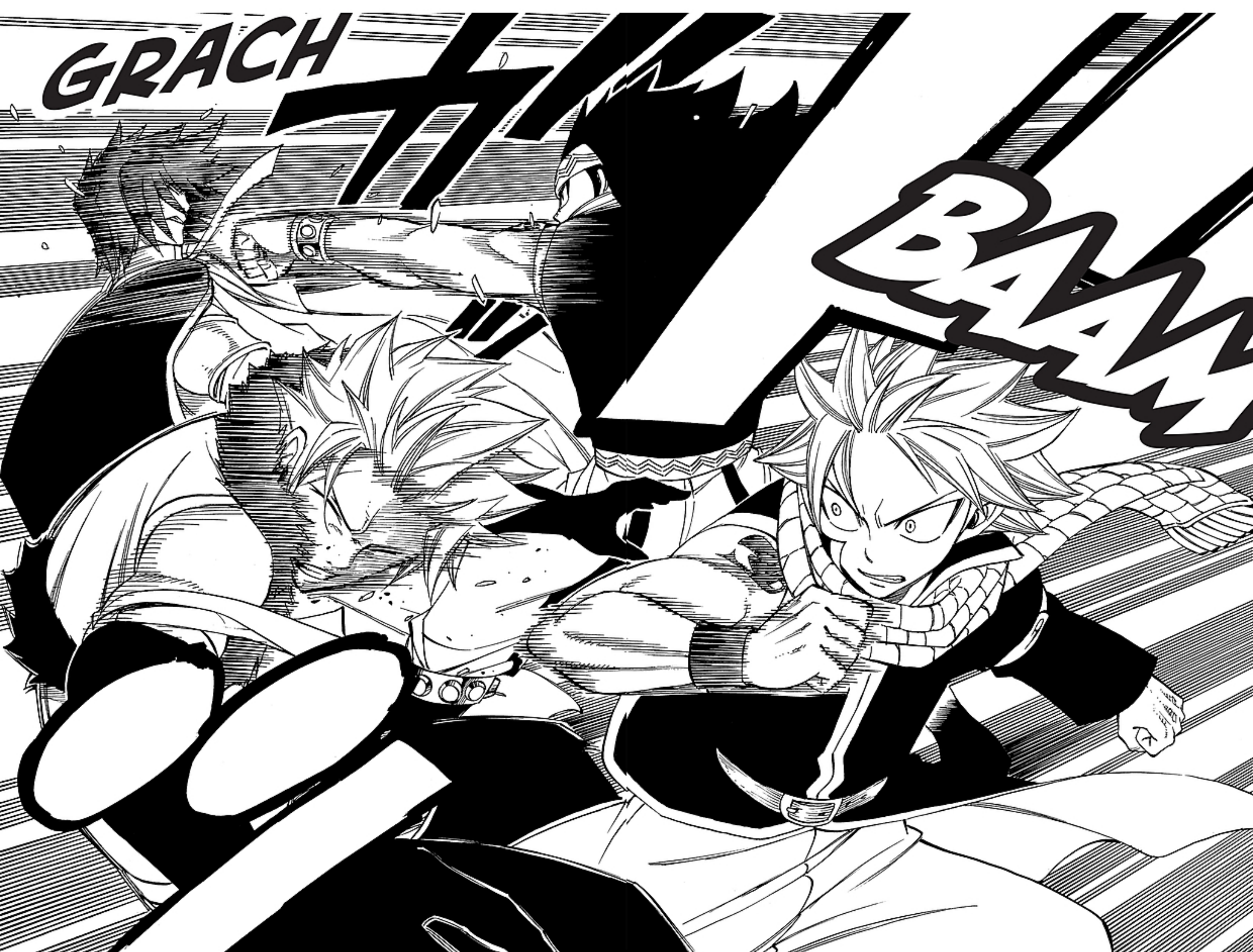


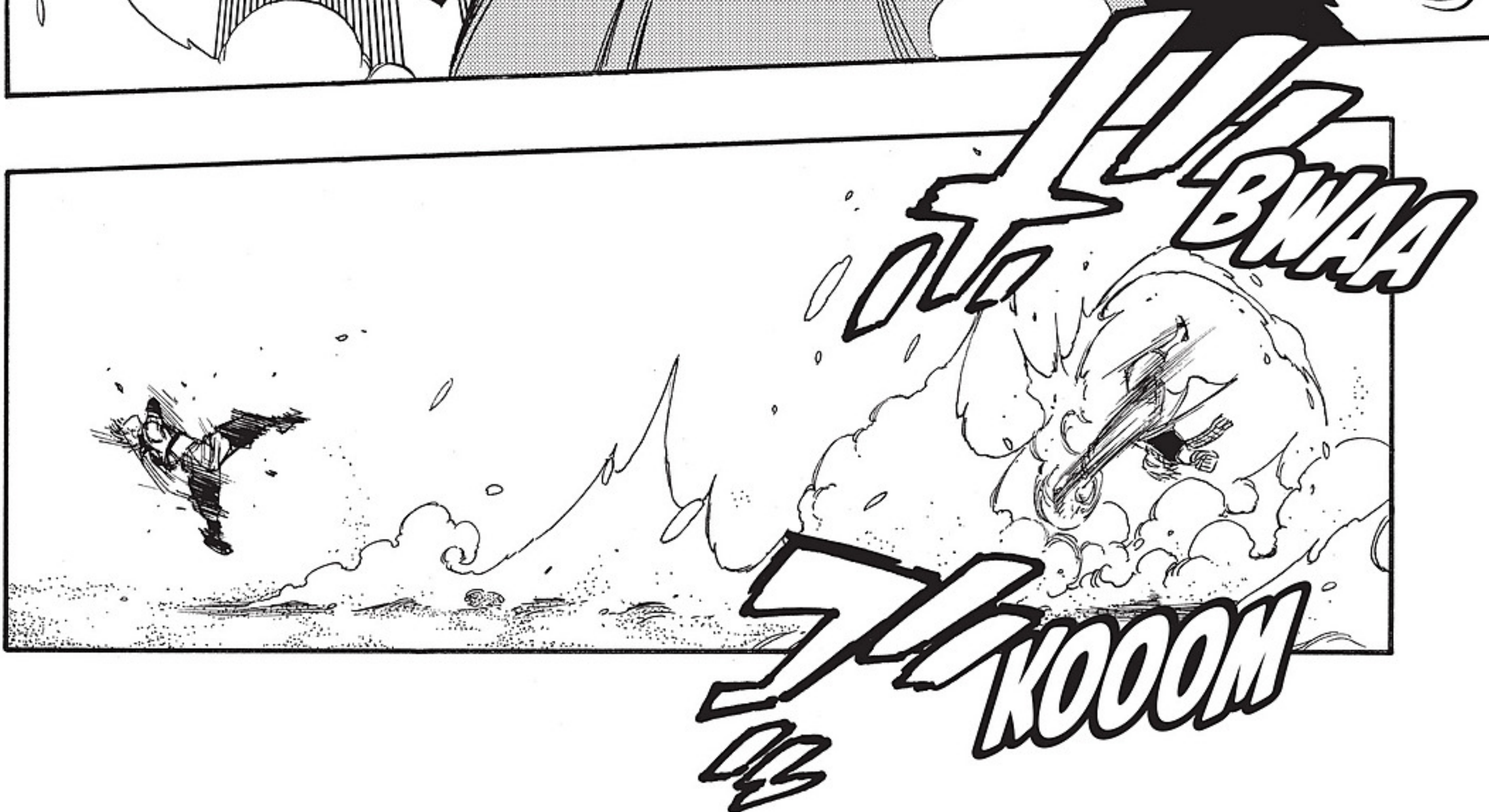
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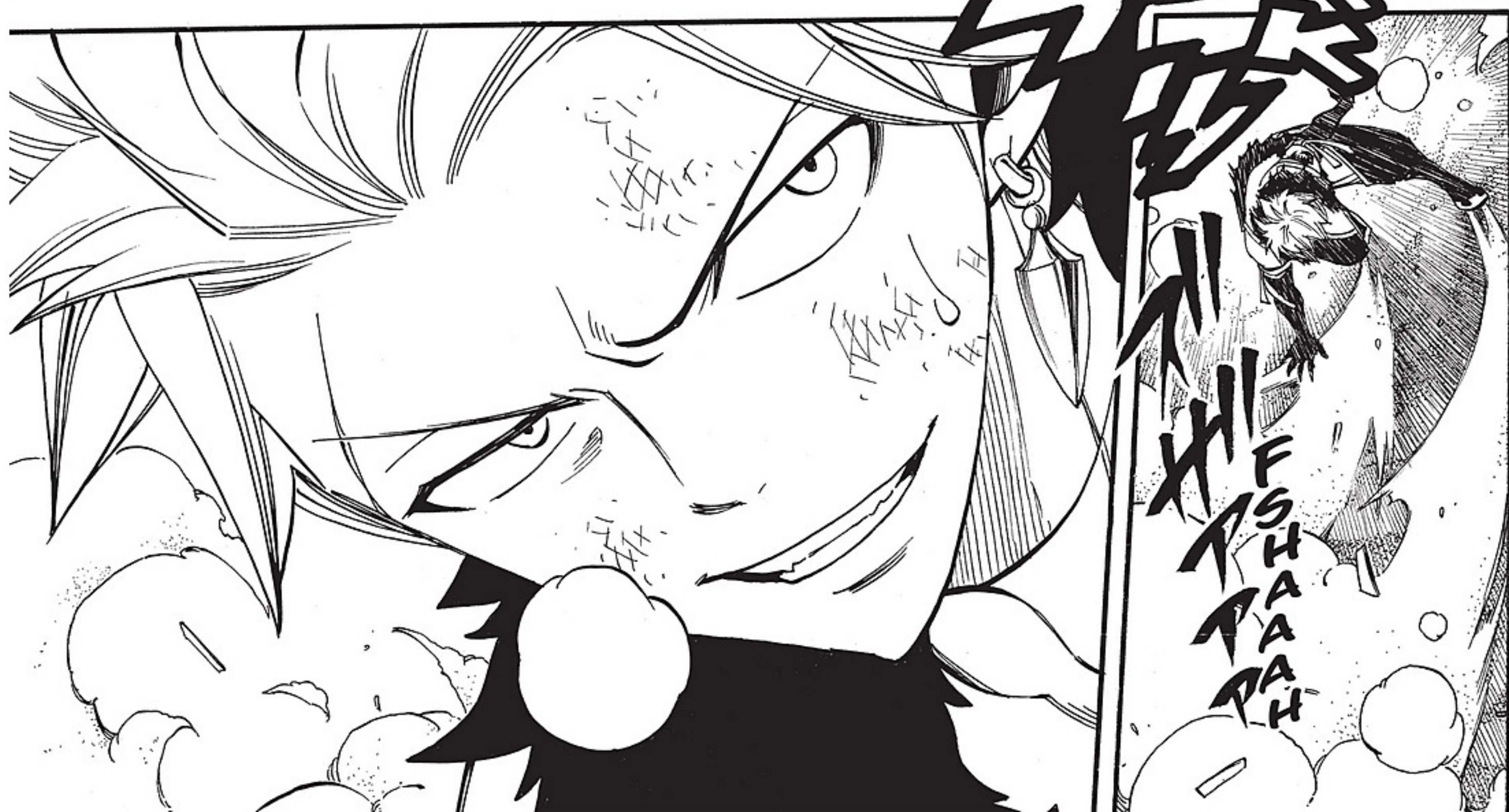
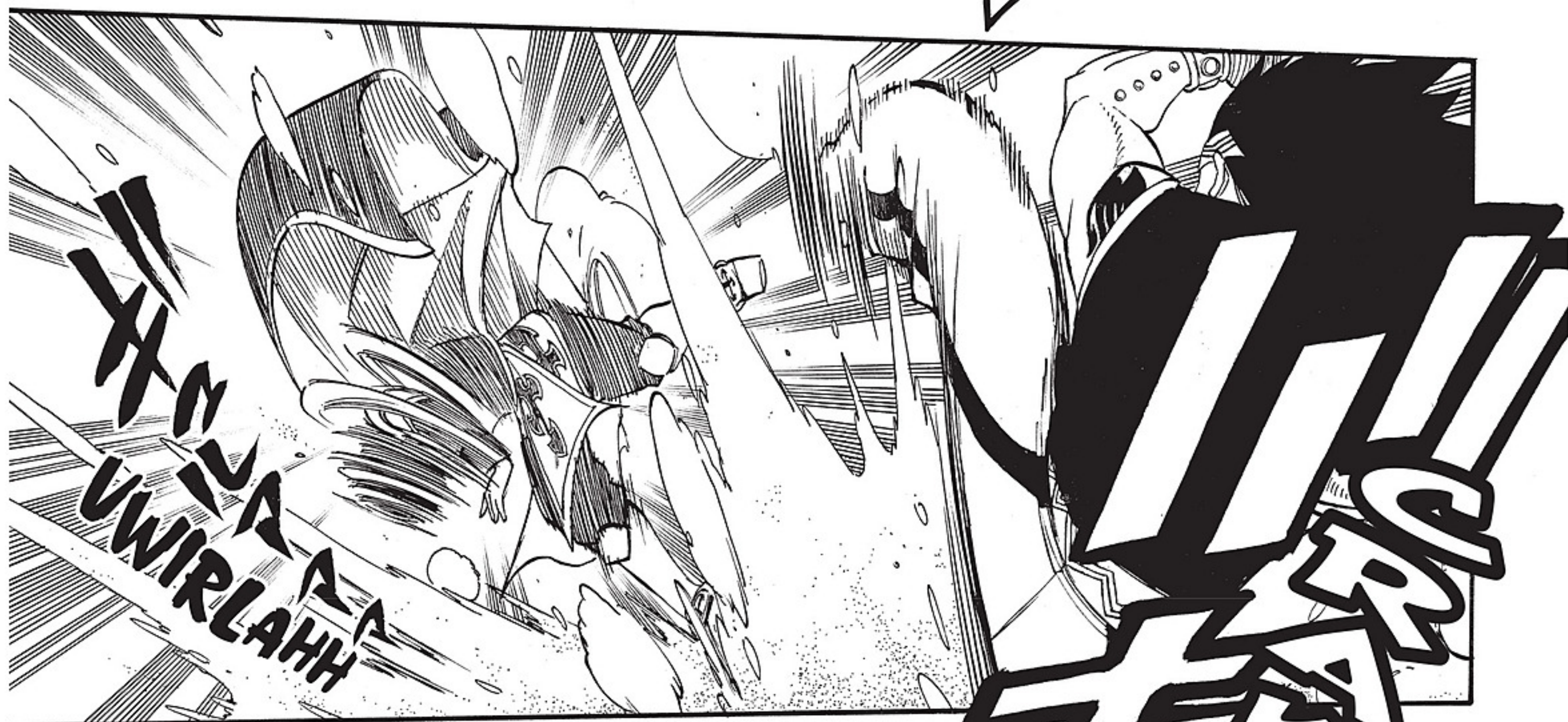


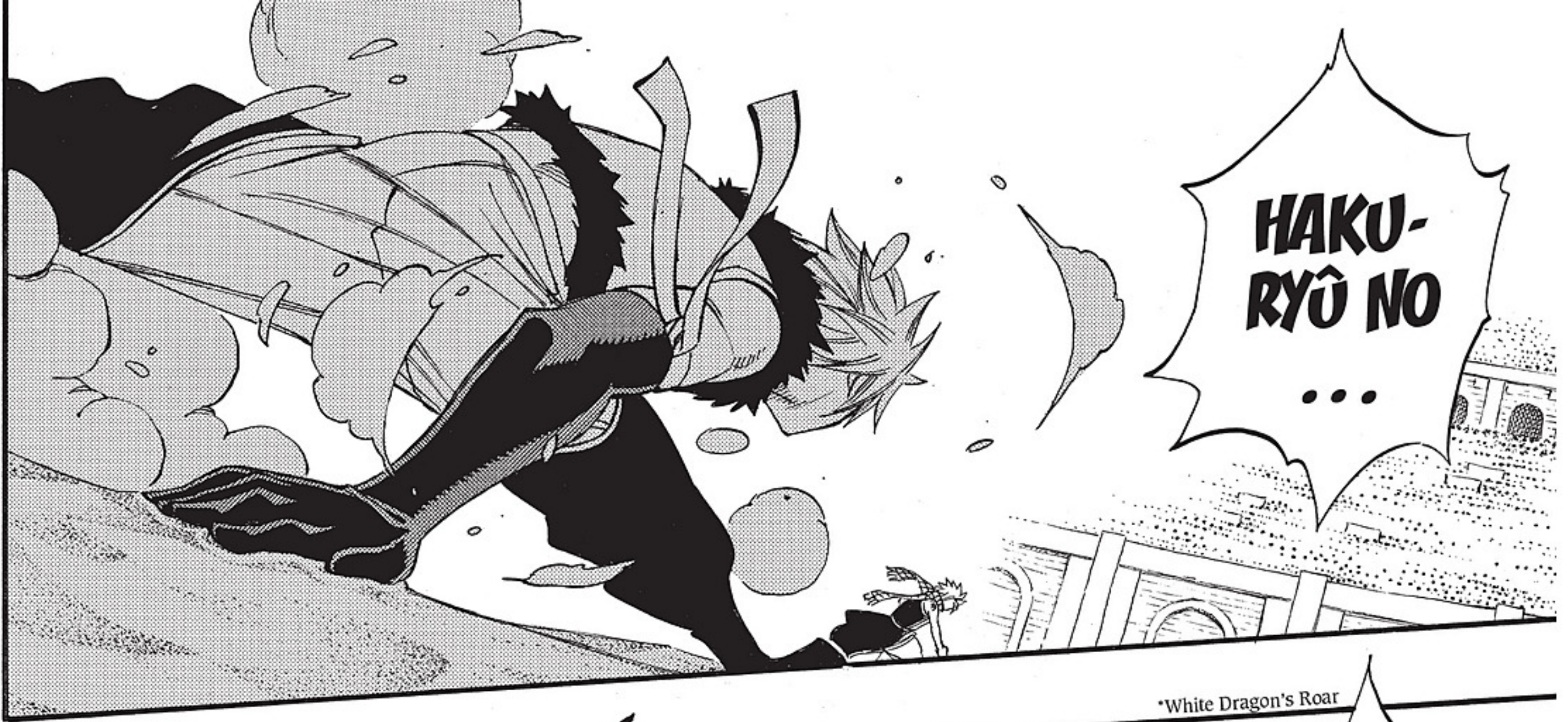












HAKU-
RYŪ NO

...

*White Dragon's Roar



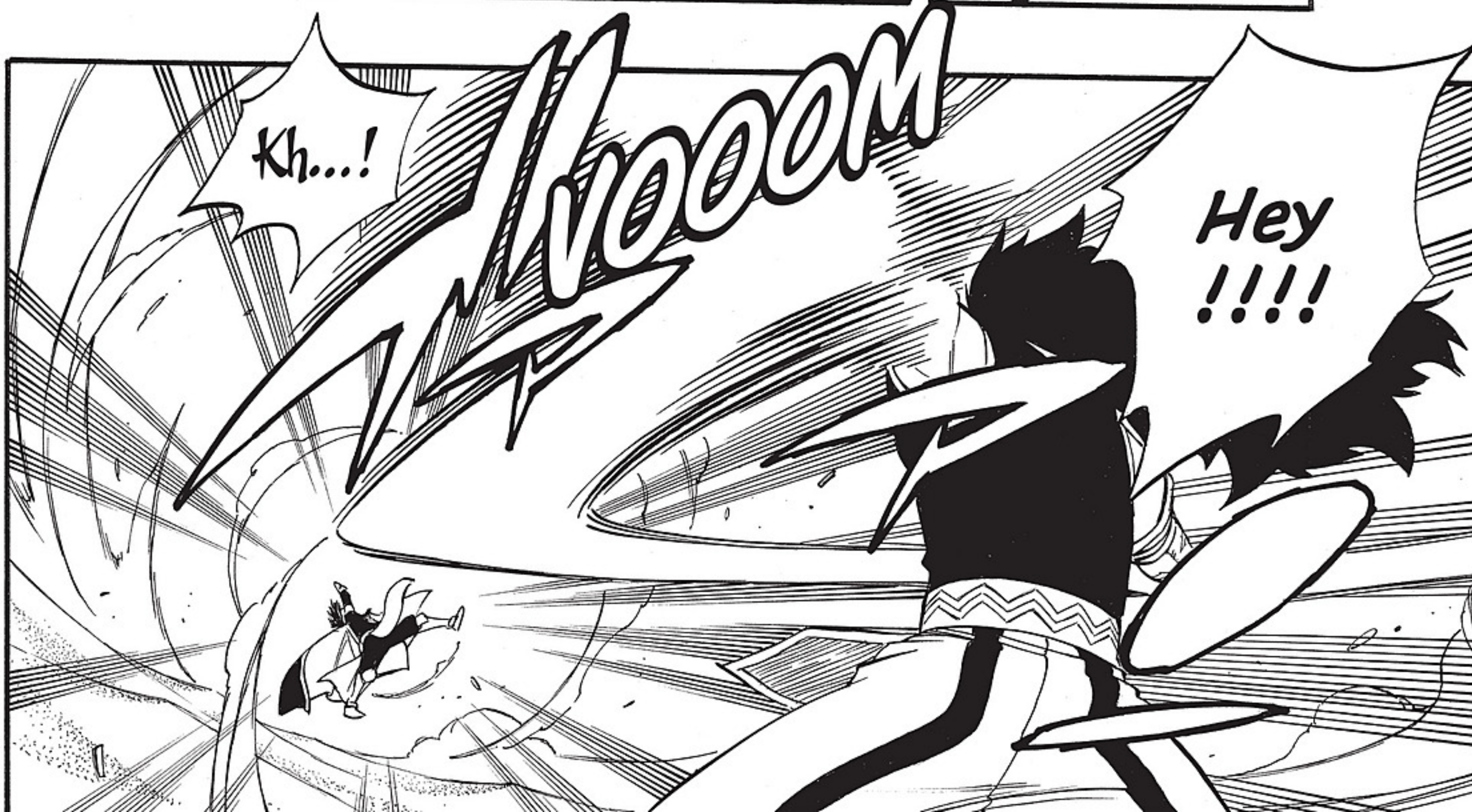
SHKK

...
HôKô*
!!!!



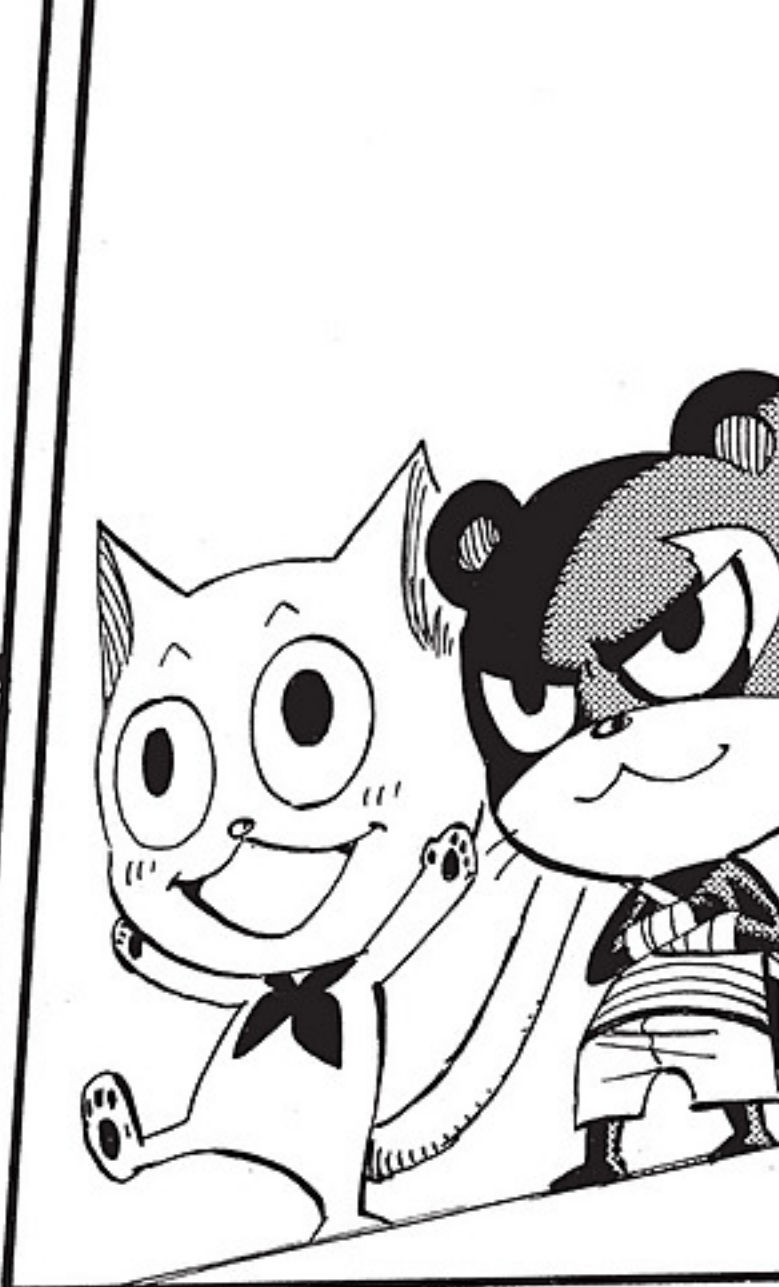
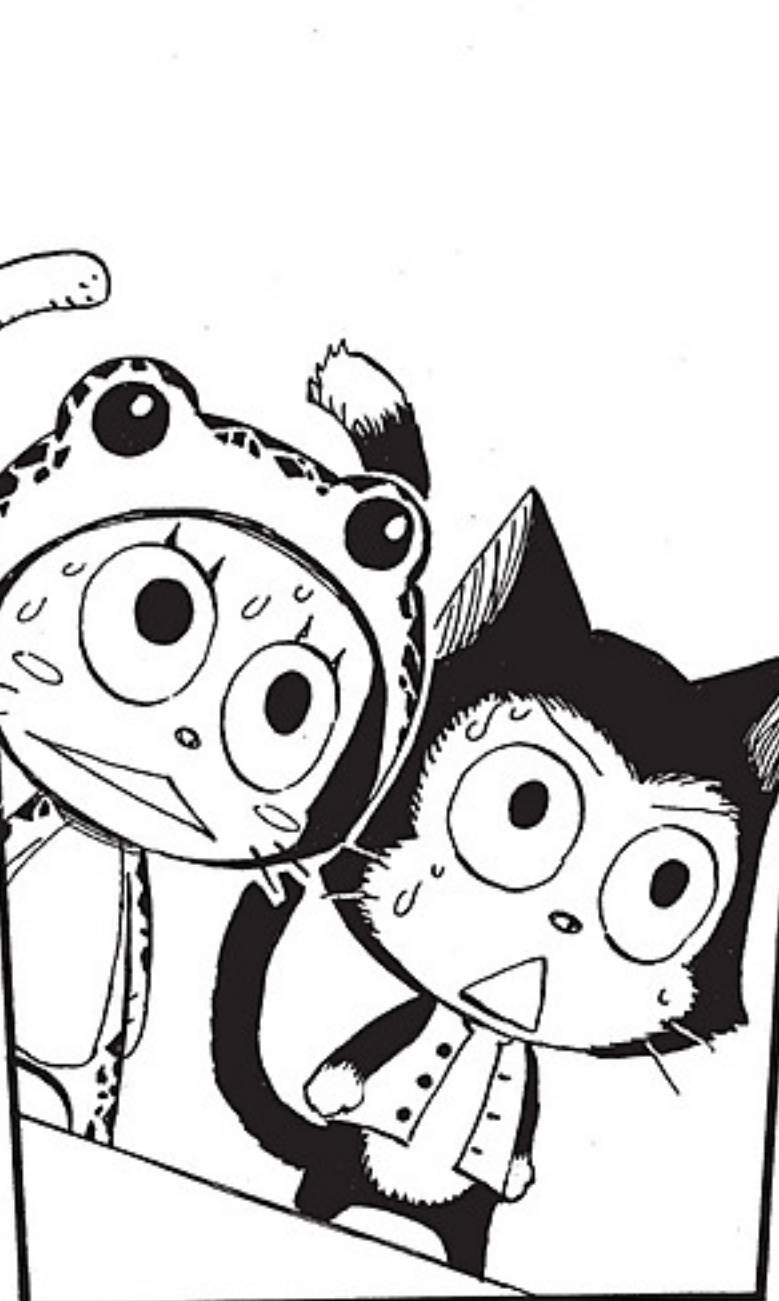
*Shadow Dragon's Slicing Attack







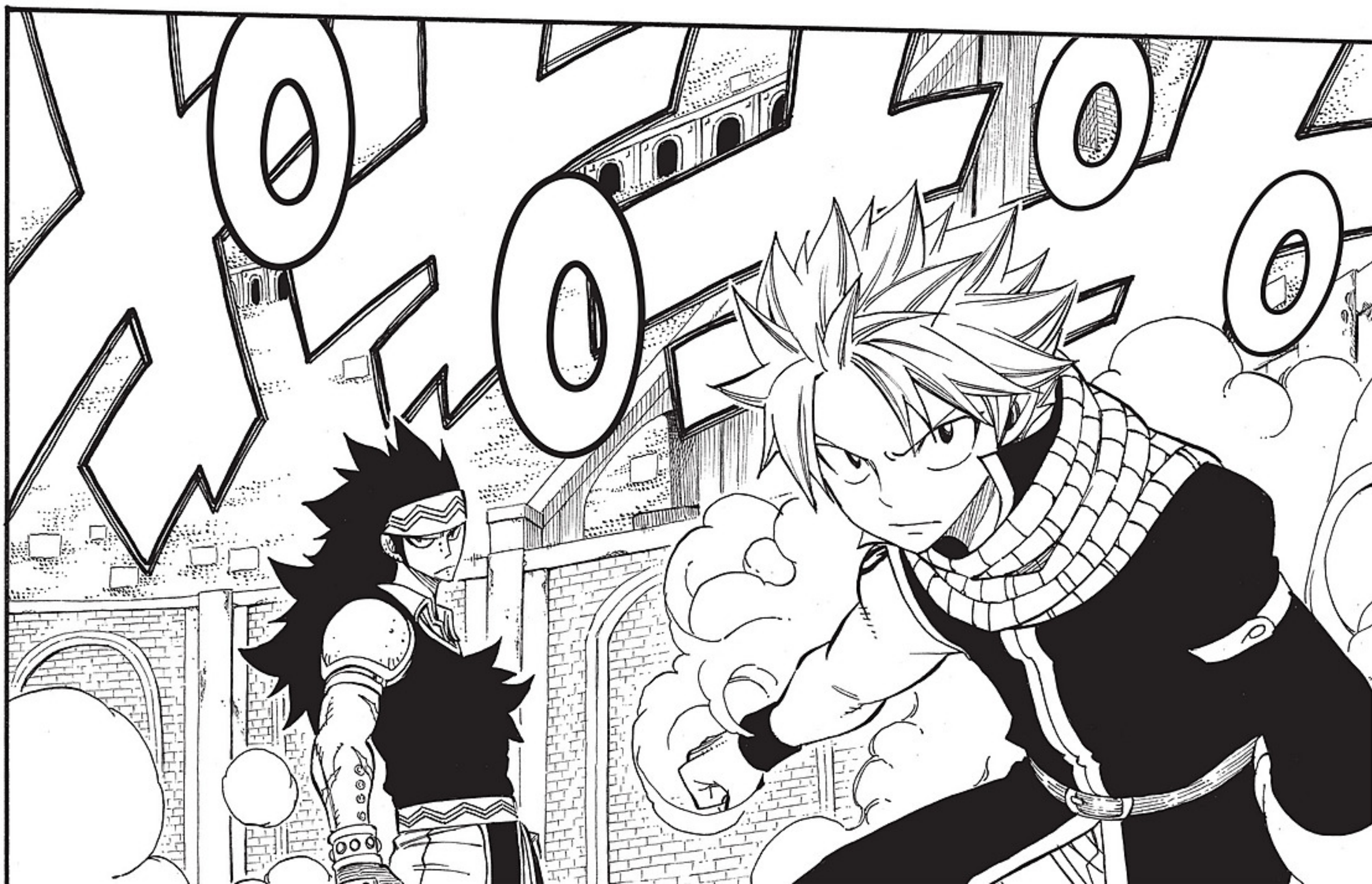
**KARYŪ
NO
YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!**

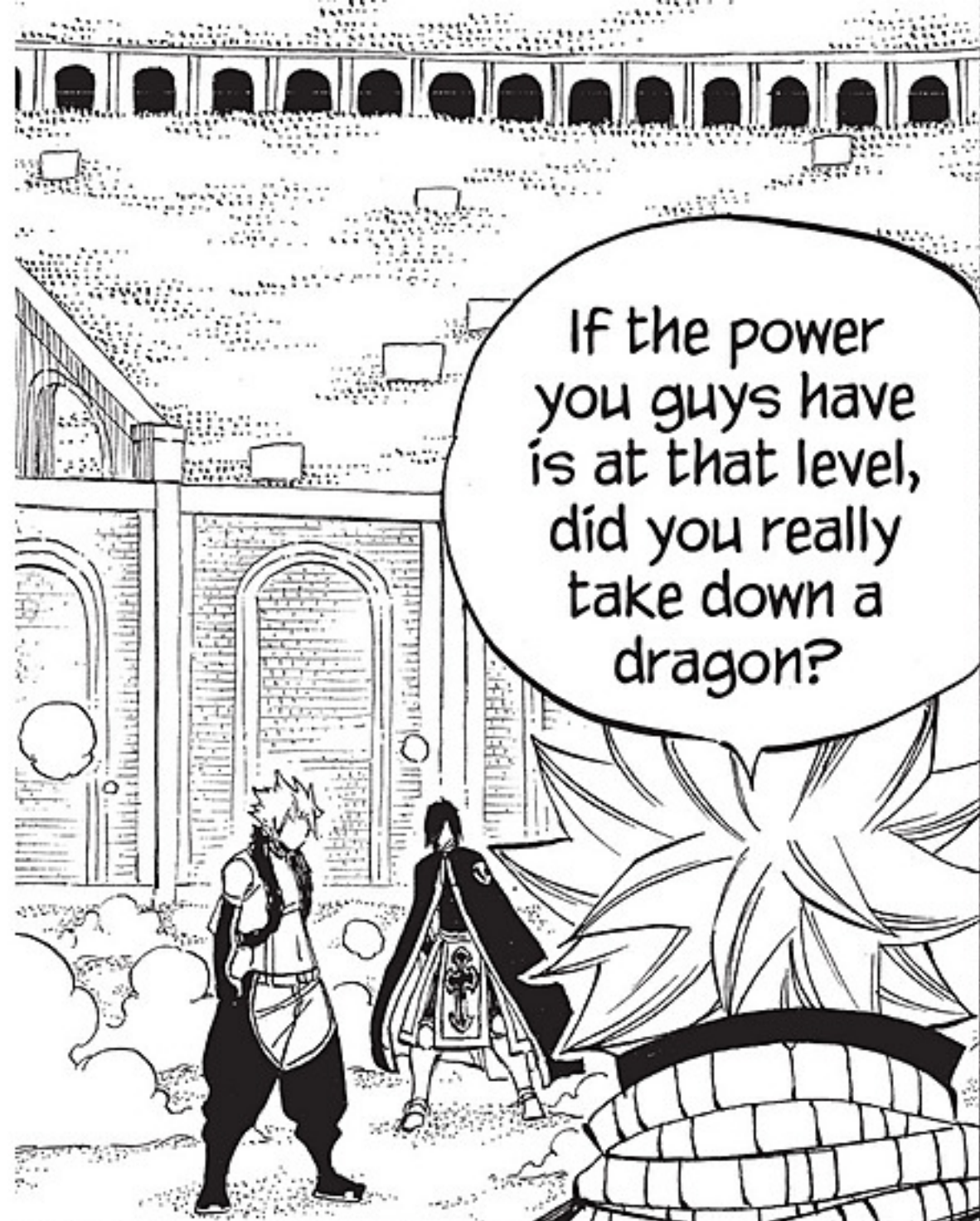


THE TWIN
DRAGONS, THE
STRONGEST PAIR
IN FIORE, ARE
BEING PUSHED
BACK!!!



THIS IS
STING AND
ROGUE
HERE!!!





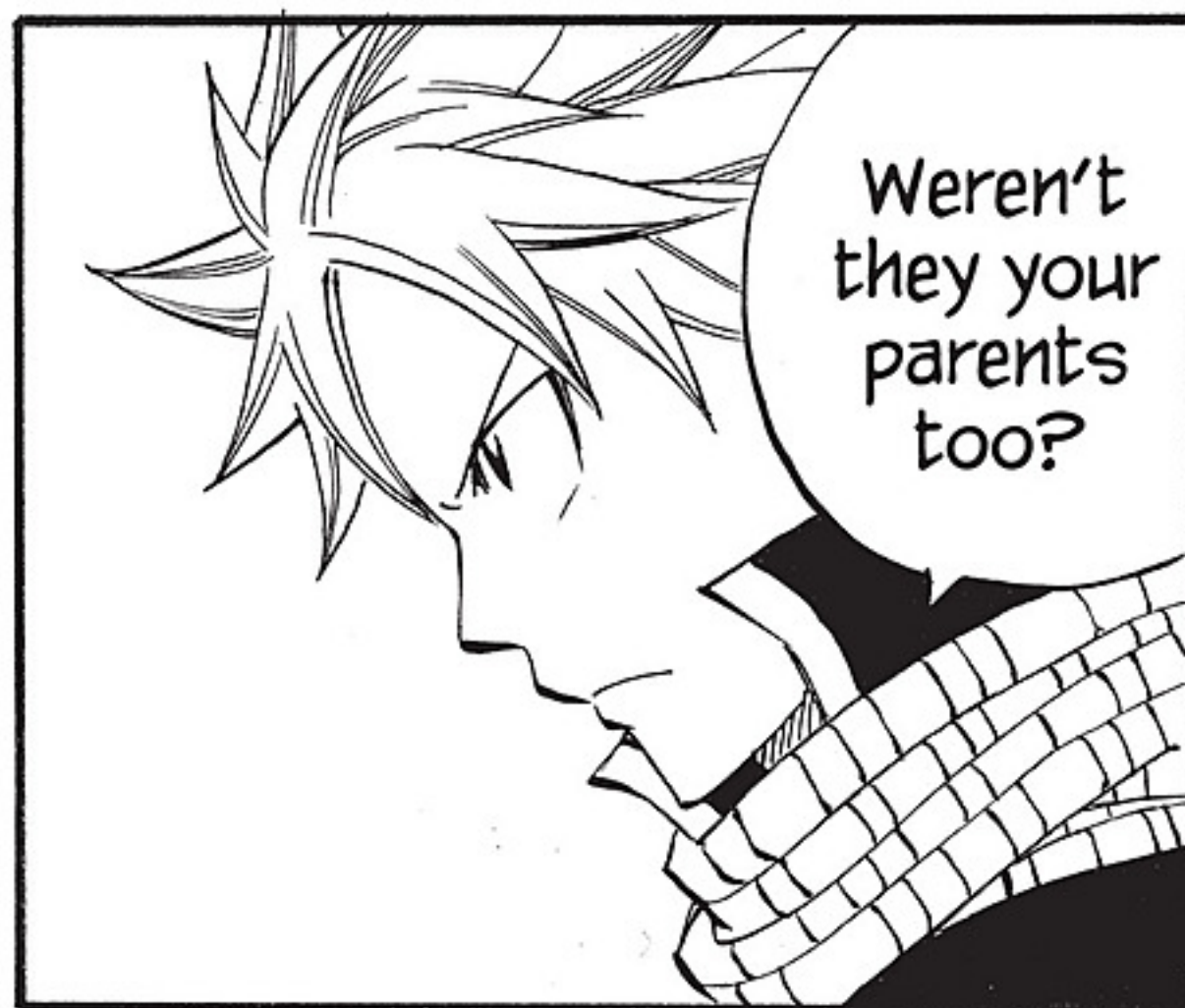
If the power
you guys have
is at that level,
did you really
take down a
dragon?



Gajeel
...



I figured
they'd be
pretty incred-
ible! That's
just how I
want it...



Weren't
they your
parents
too?



We
killed
our
dragons.

With
our own
hands.

We did
not "take
down" our
dragons.



**Shadow
Drive!**

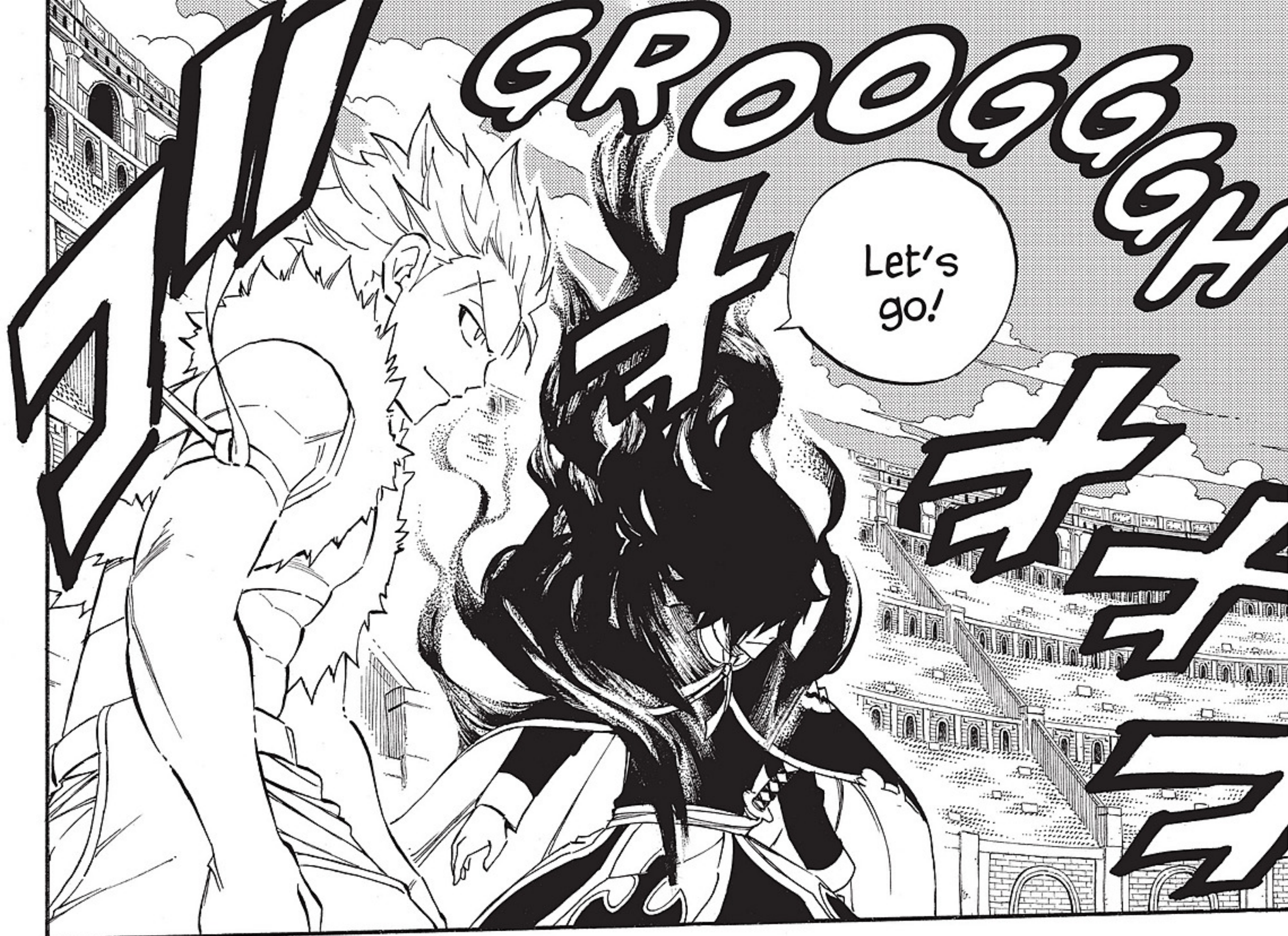


**White
Drive!**



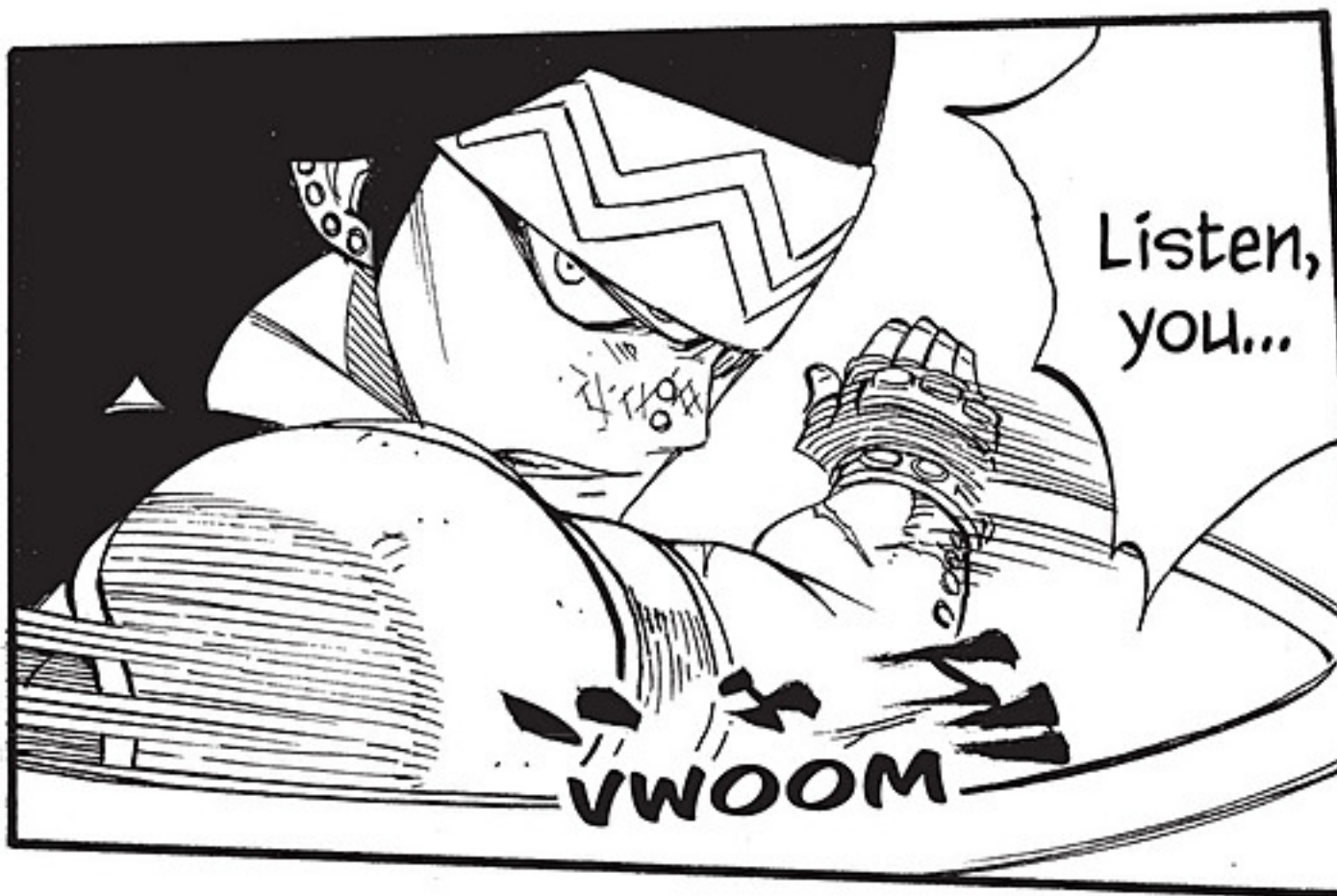
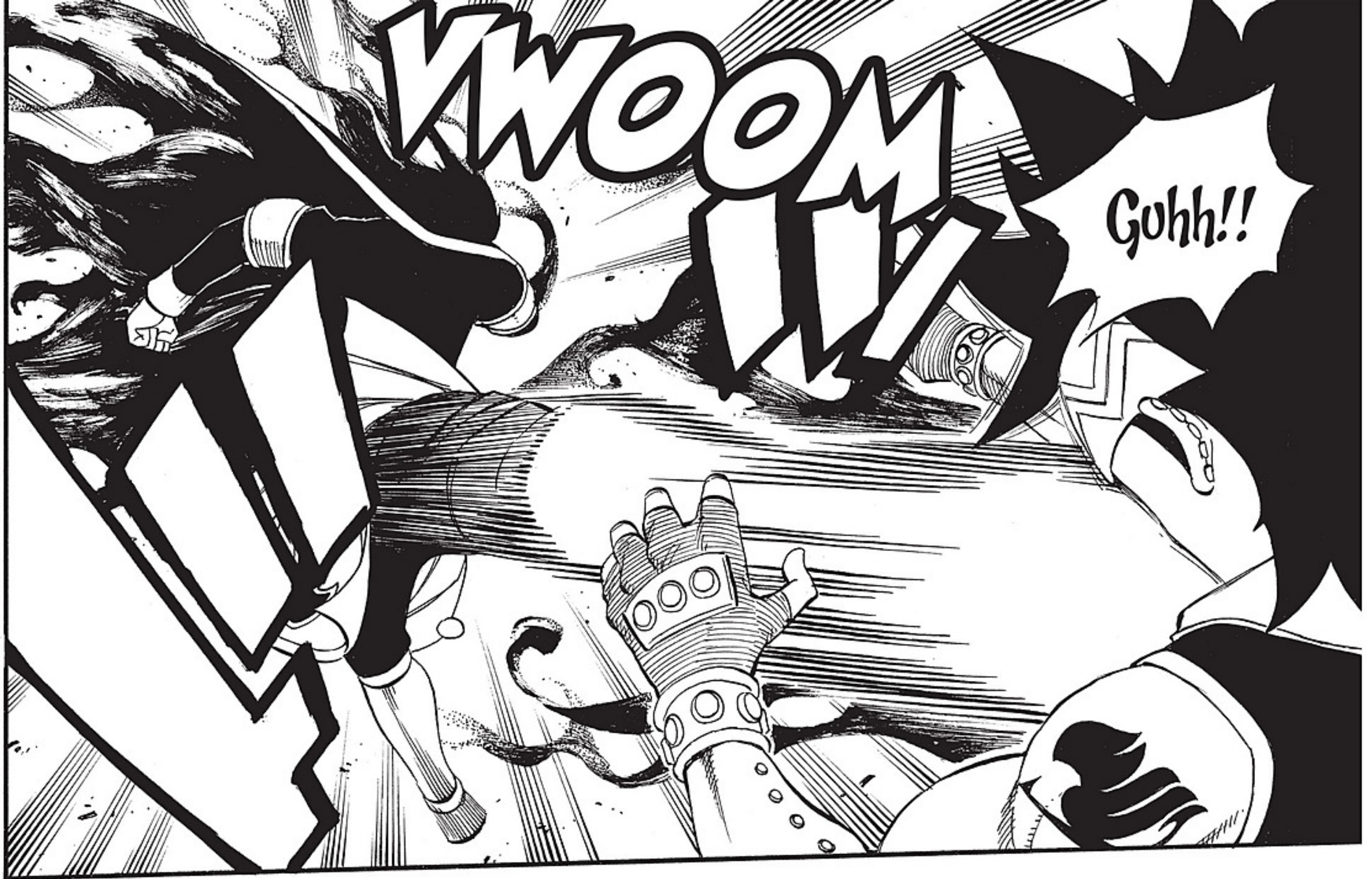
That's got
nothing
to do with
you!

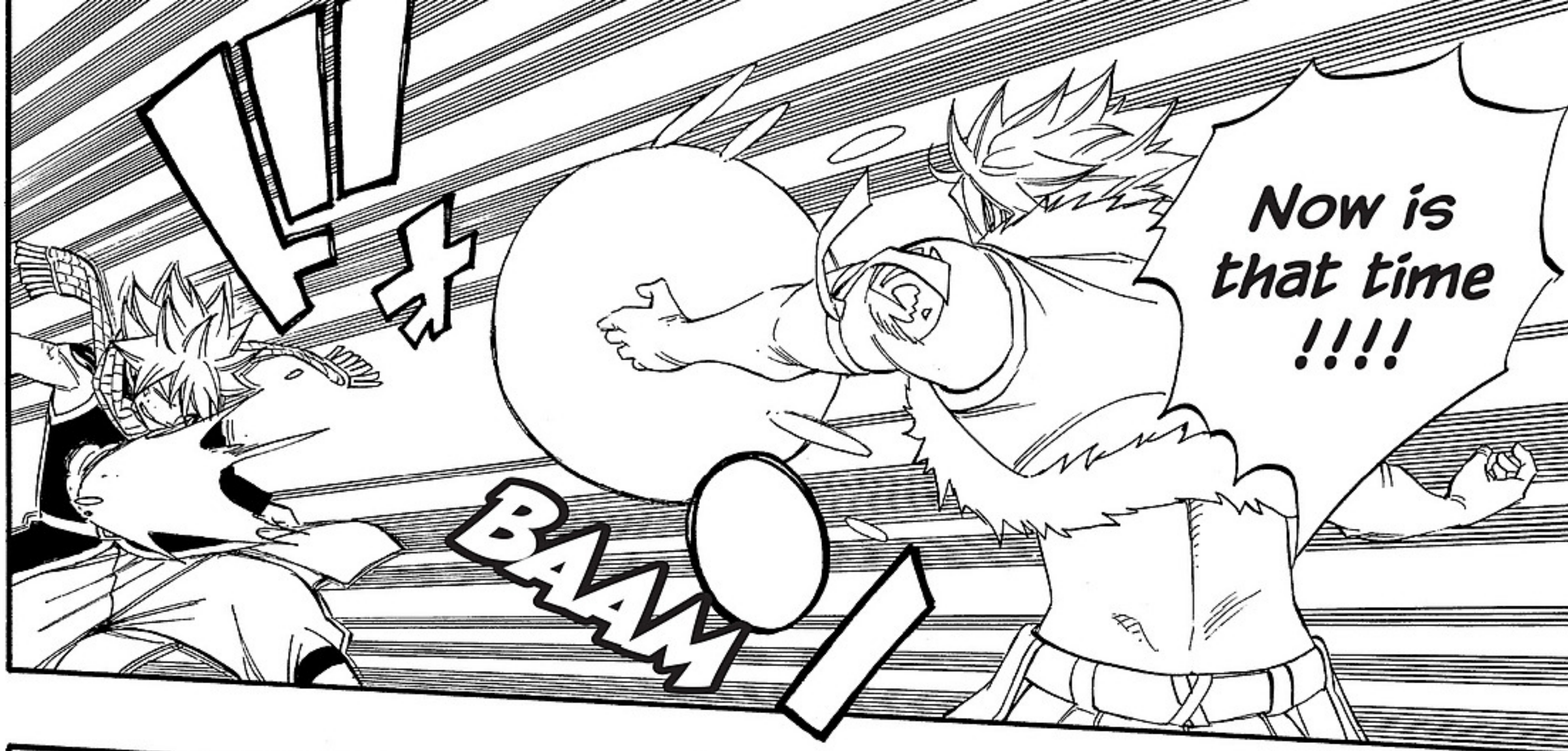
We'll
show you
the power
that killed
dragons
right
now!











Now is
that time
!!!!



These
stigmata
wounds that
appear on
you now
will keep
you from
moving.

The White
Dragon's
Talons is
a divine
attack.

Natsu
!!!



And
with
that...

...I've
sur-
passed
you!!!!



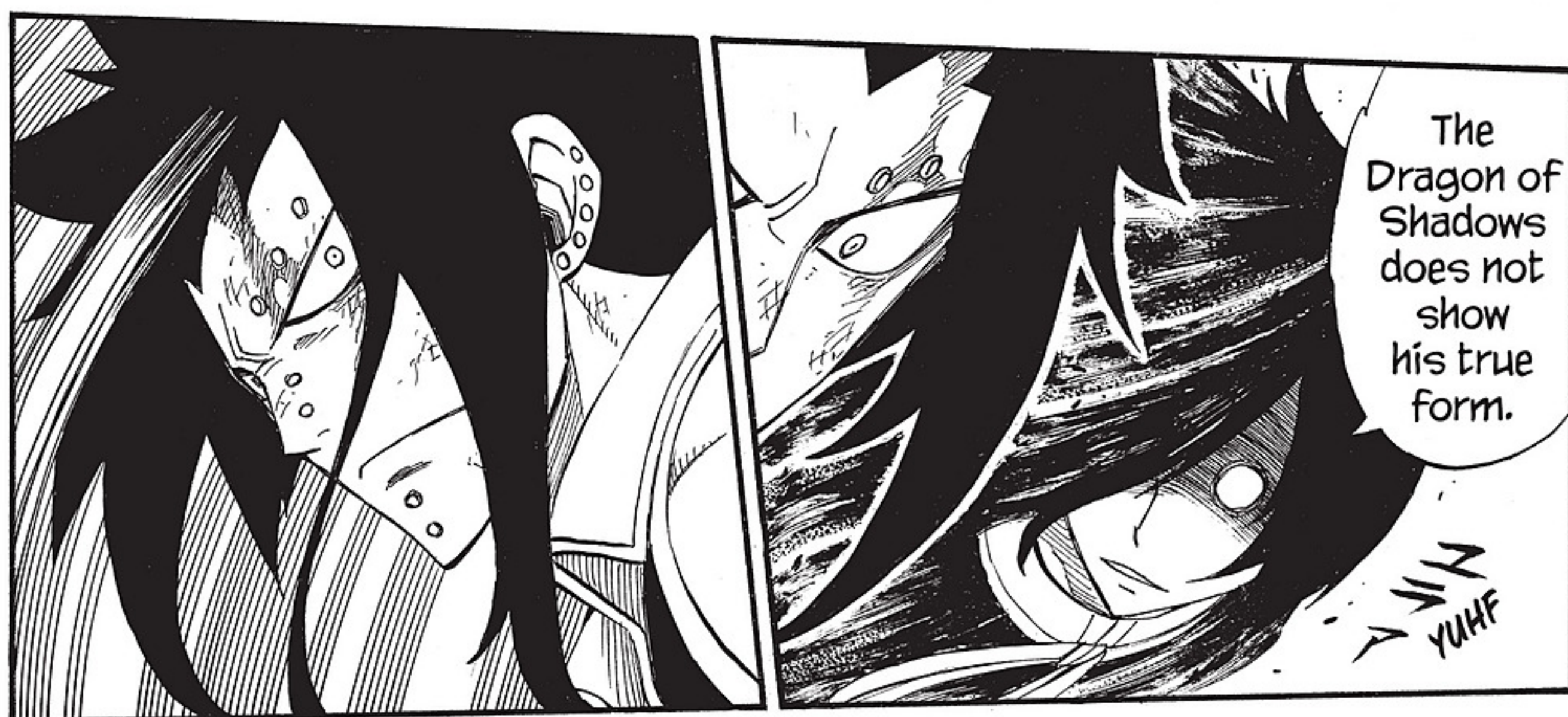
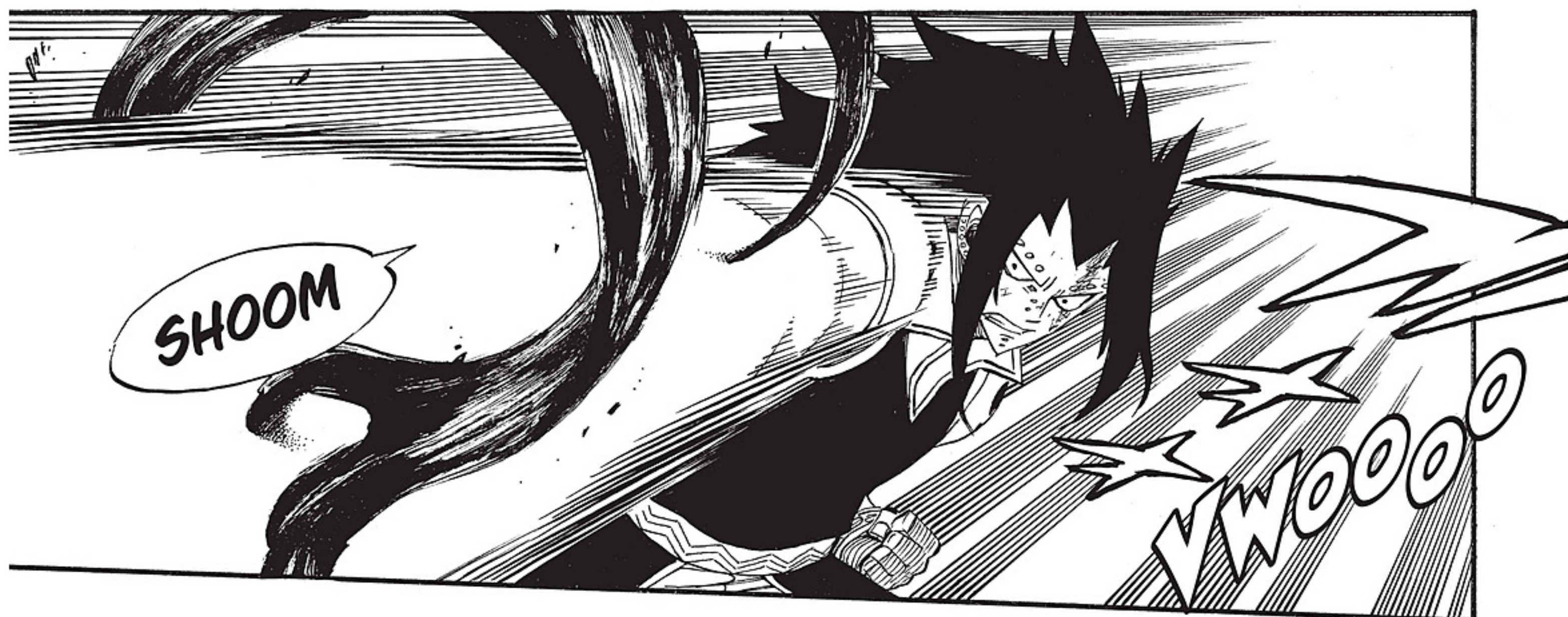
KRIKK

KRIKK

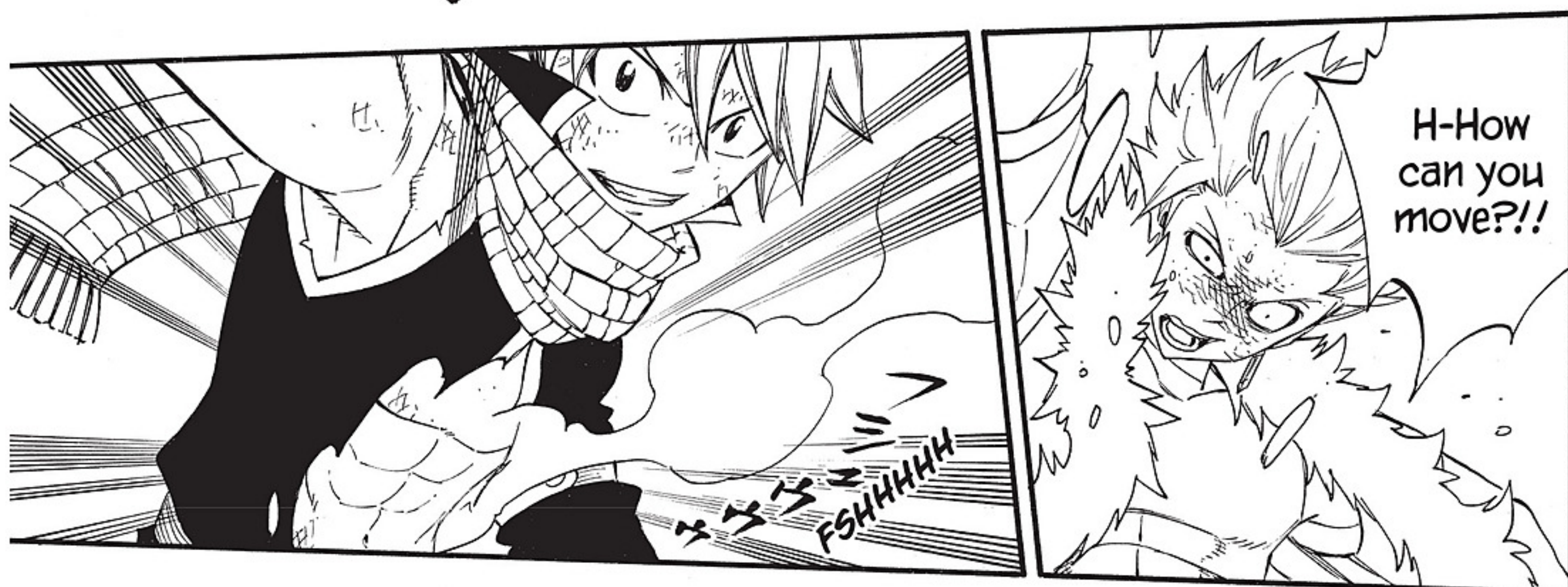
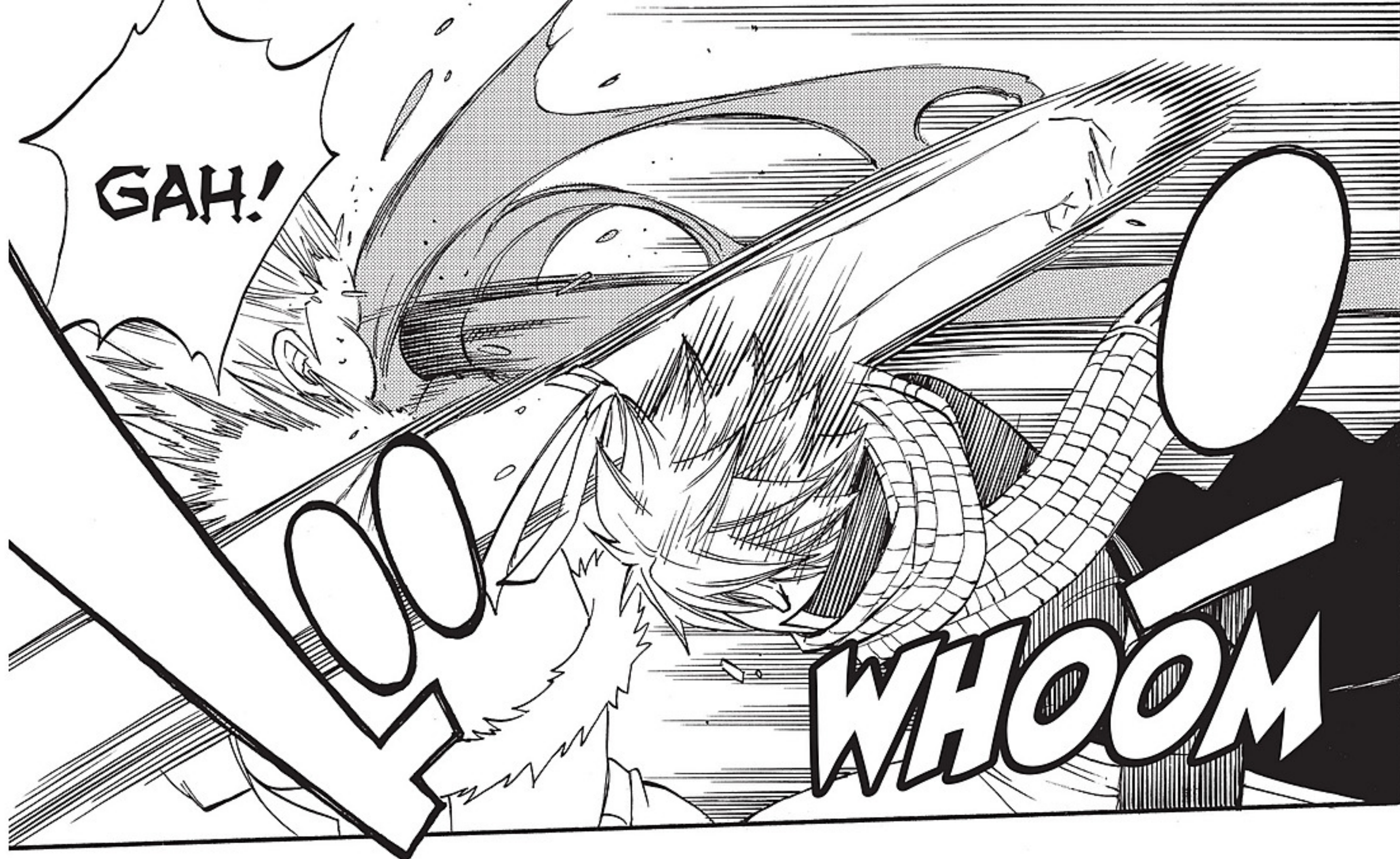
!!!

KRIKK

KRIKK







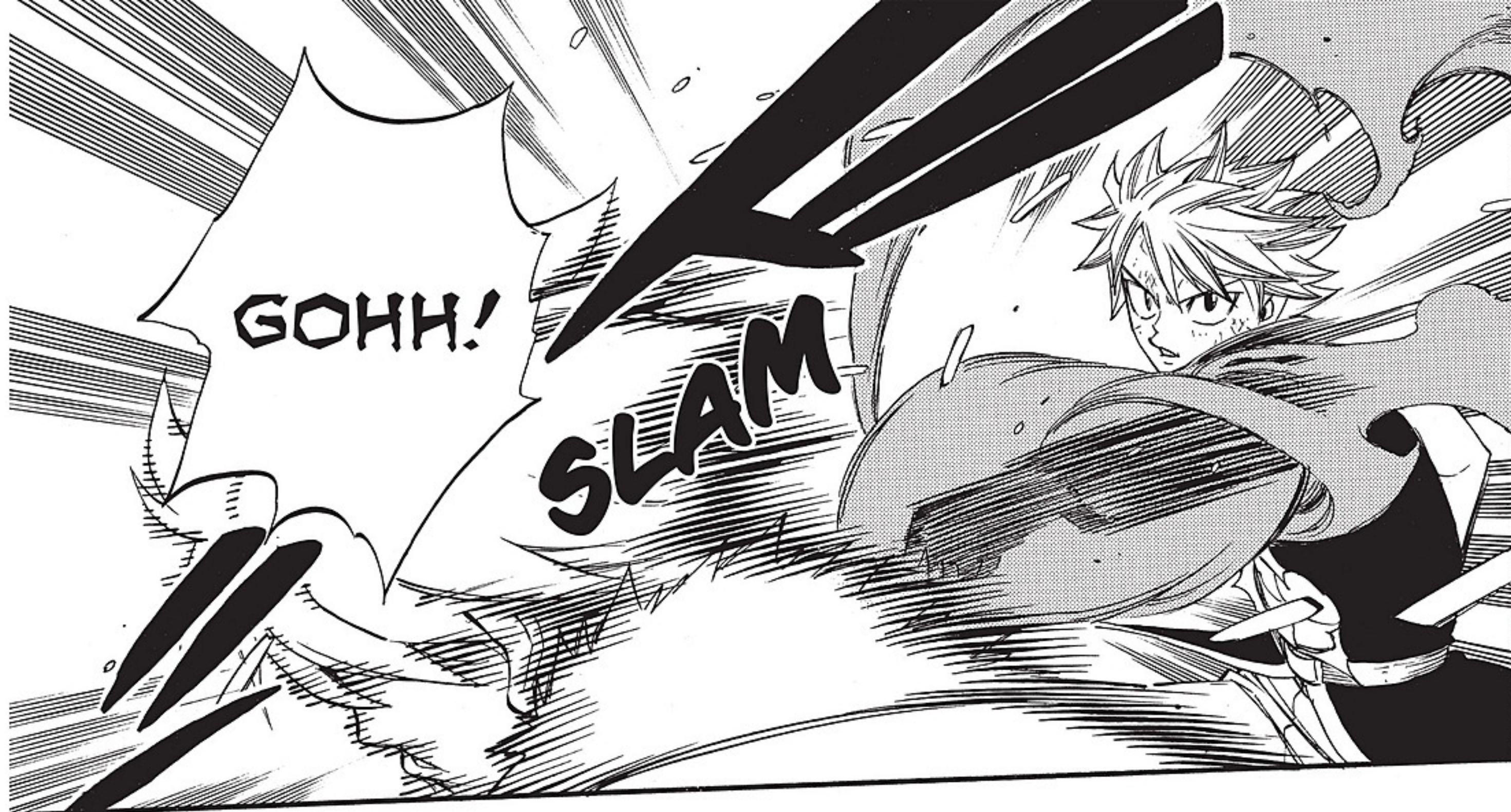


**AND
NEVER
LOOK
DOWN
ON FAIRY
TAIL!!!!**

GRAKK



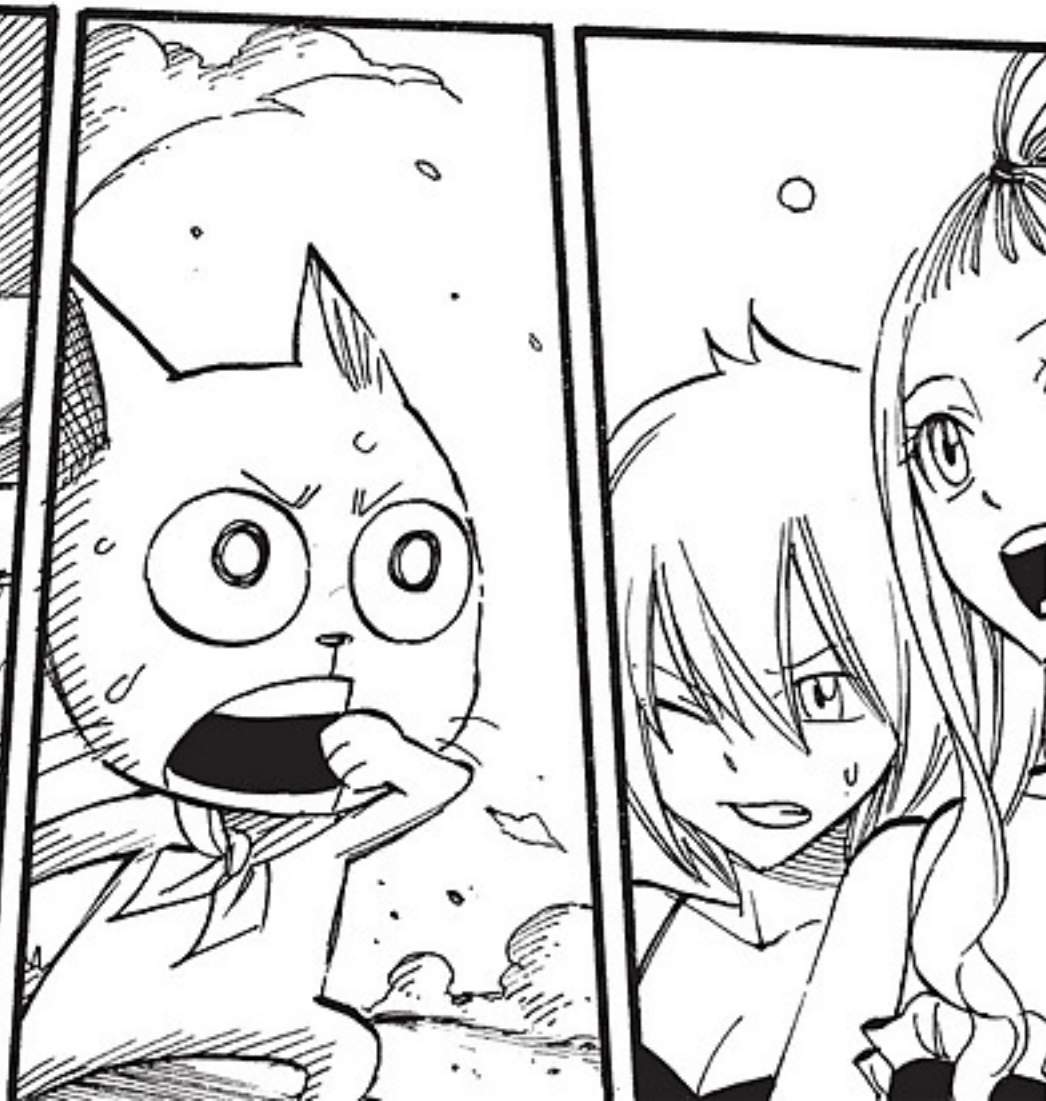
GHAHH!

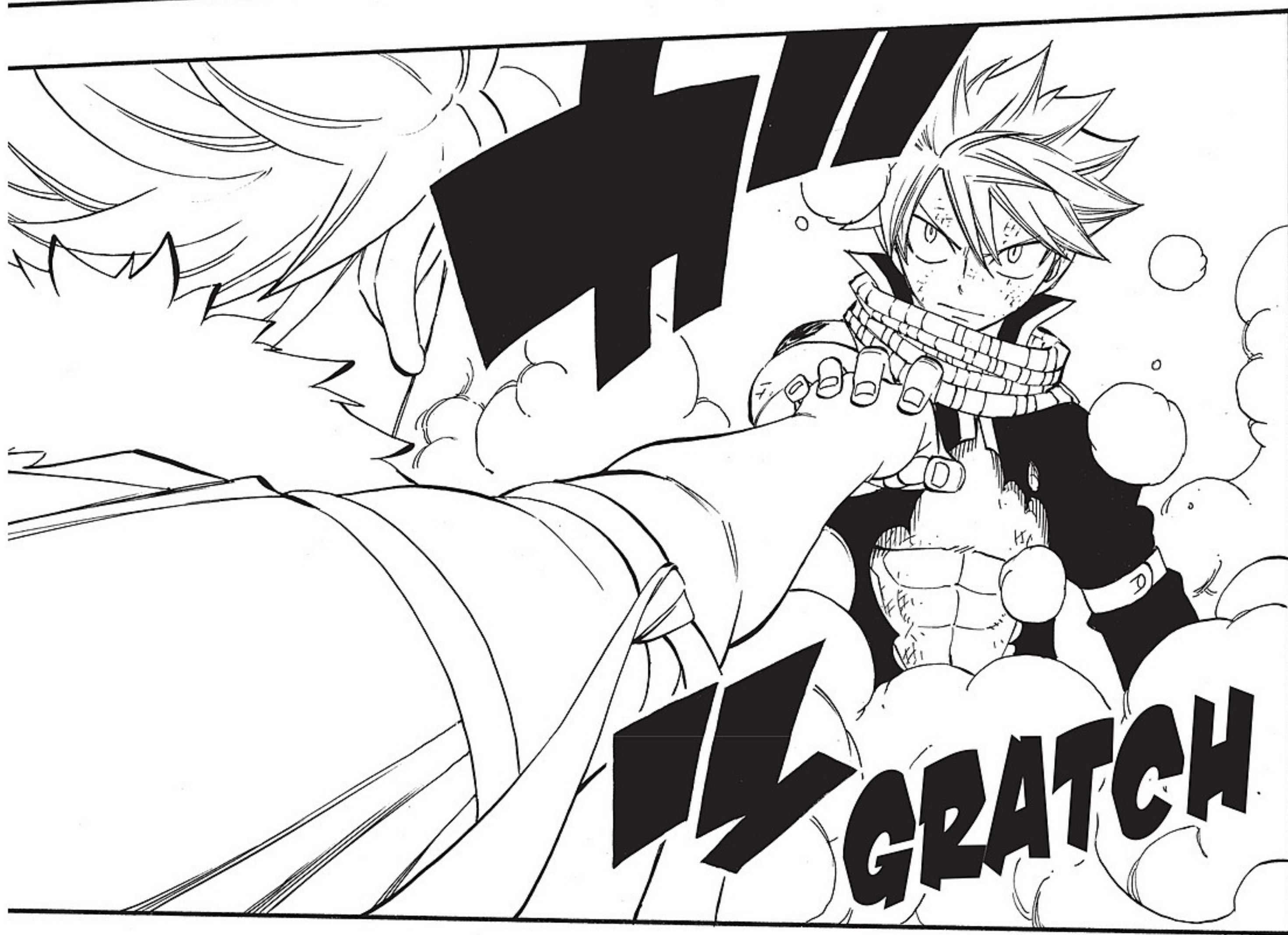
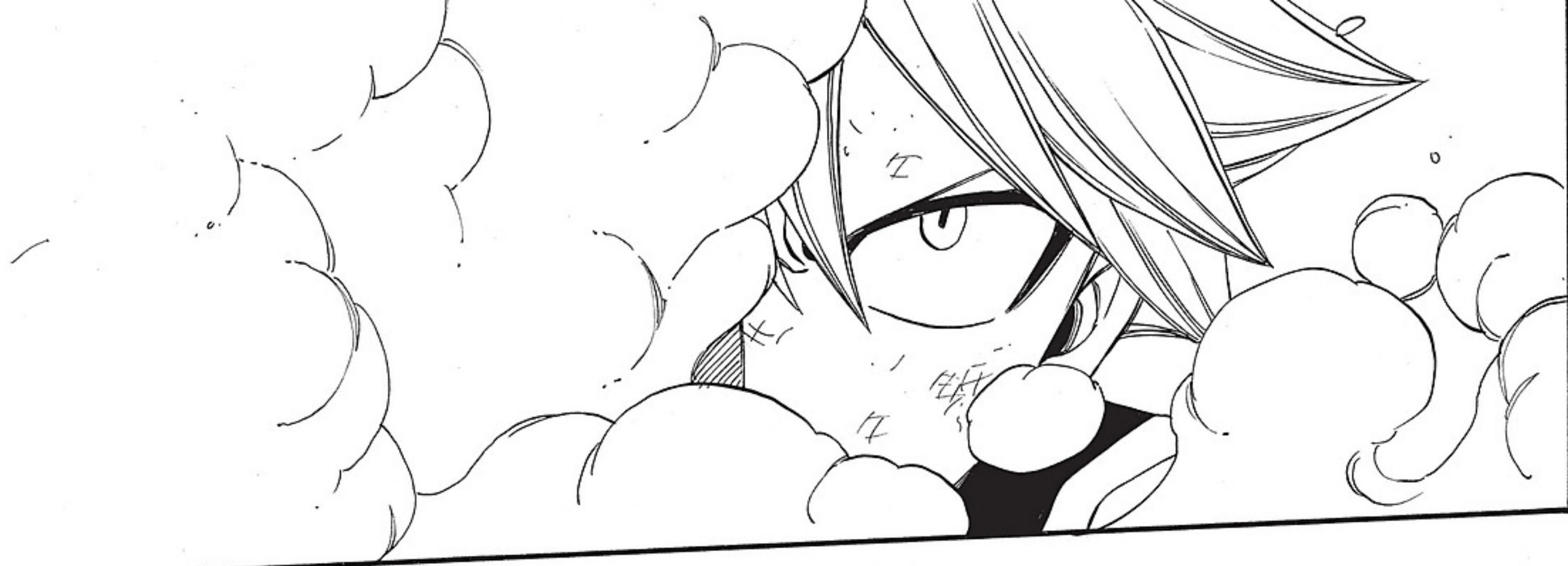


**HOLY
NOVA!!!!**

ガウウウウウ

ガウウウウウ
GAWHOOOOM





I have no memory of that attack ever being blocked.

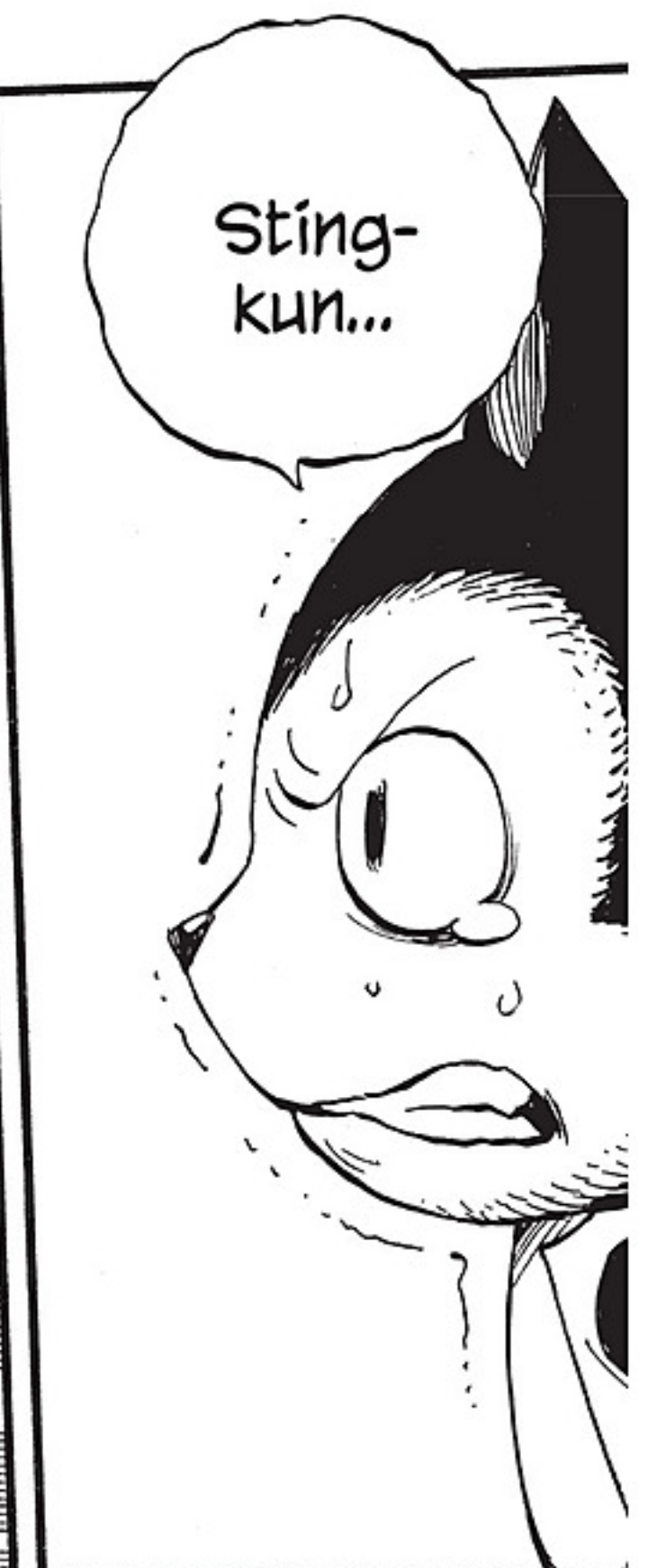
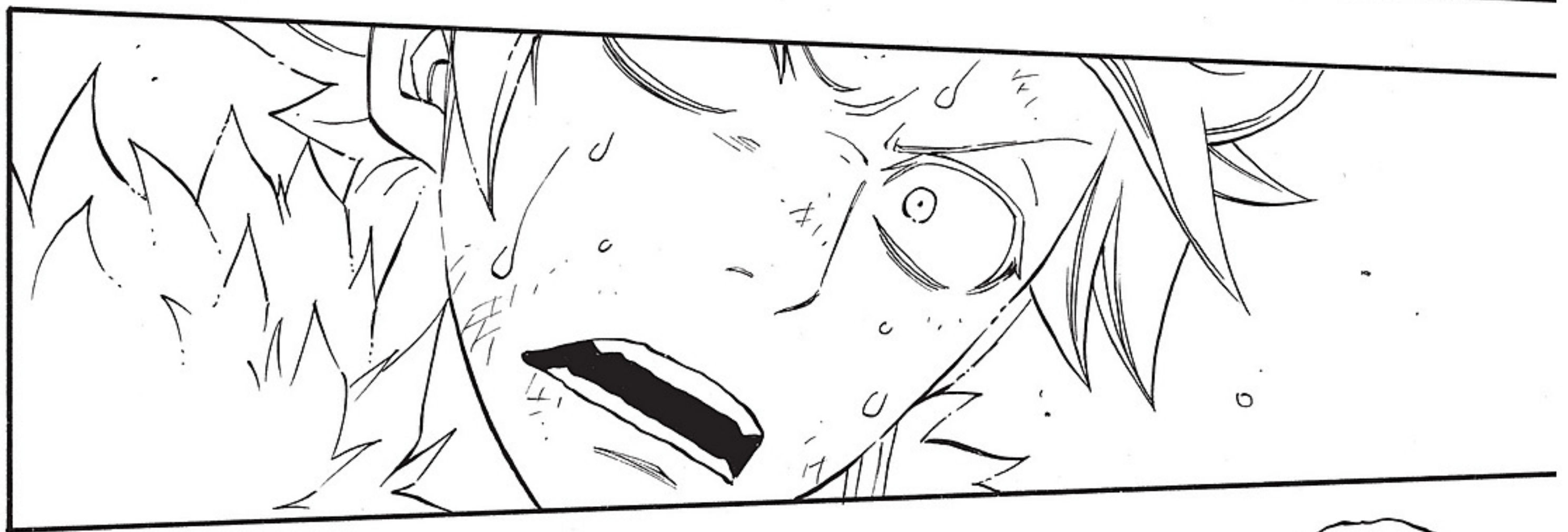
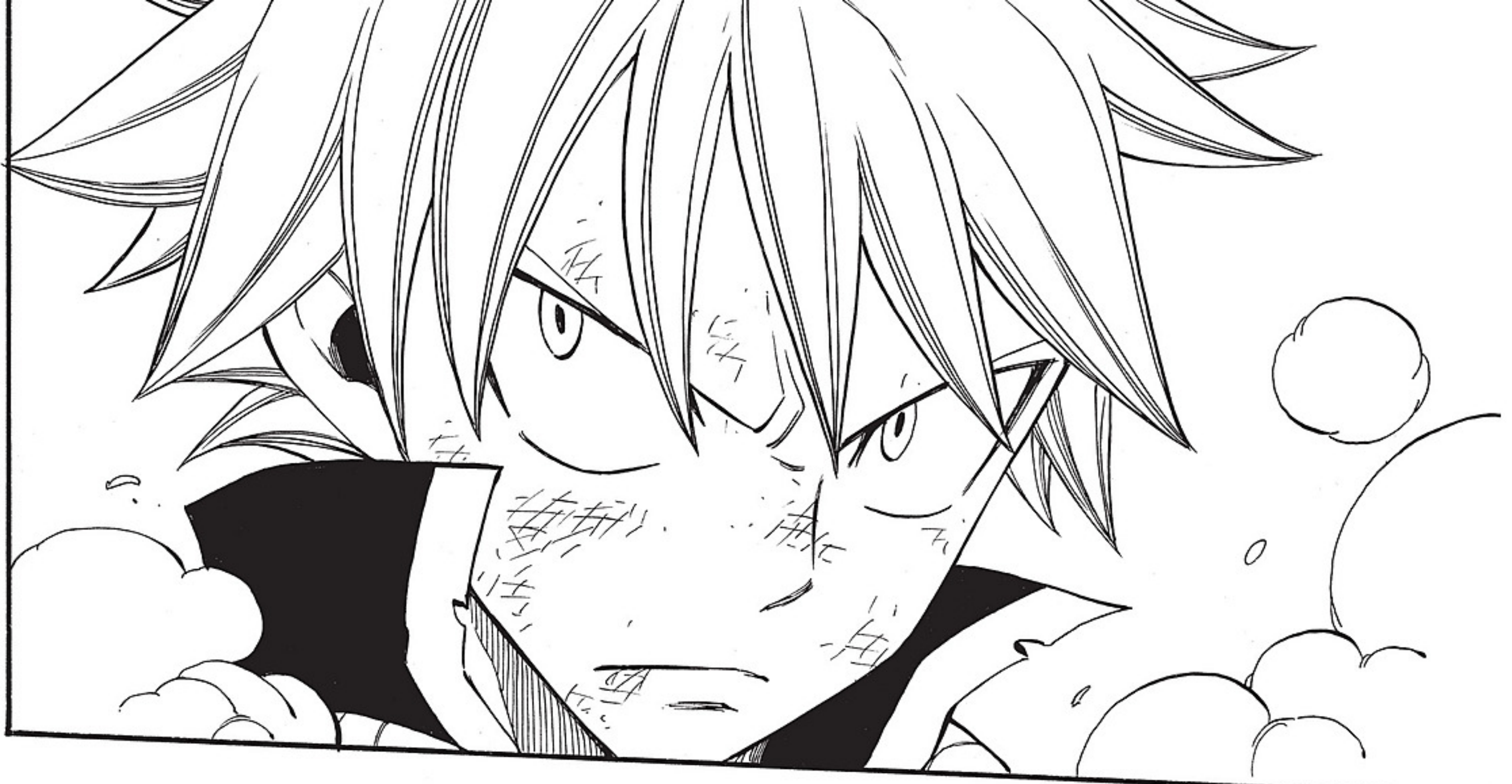
That can't be right!

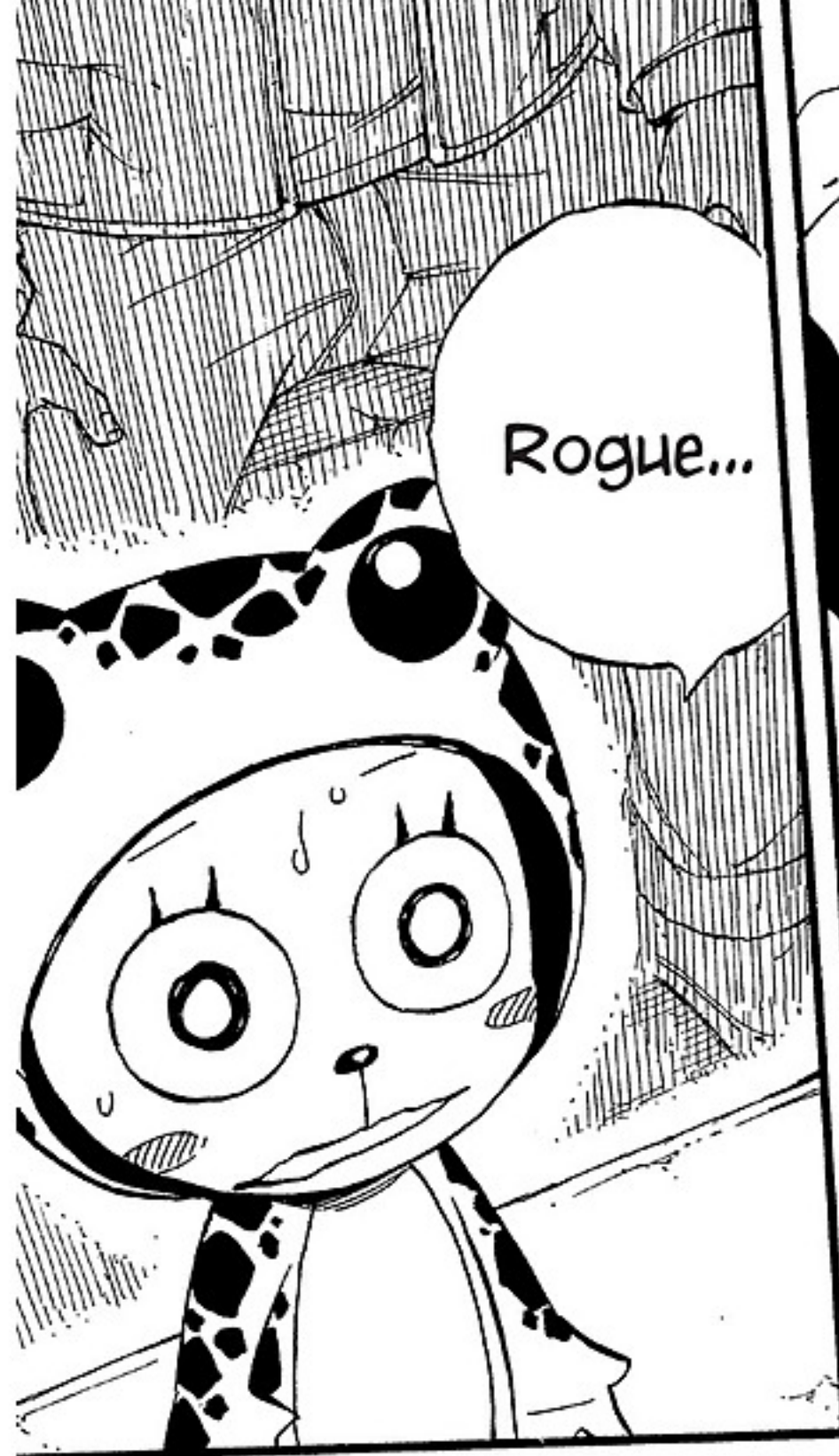


Huh?

Th-That's impossible...







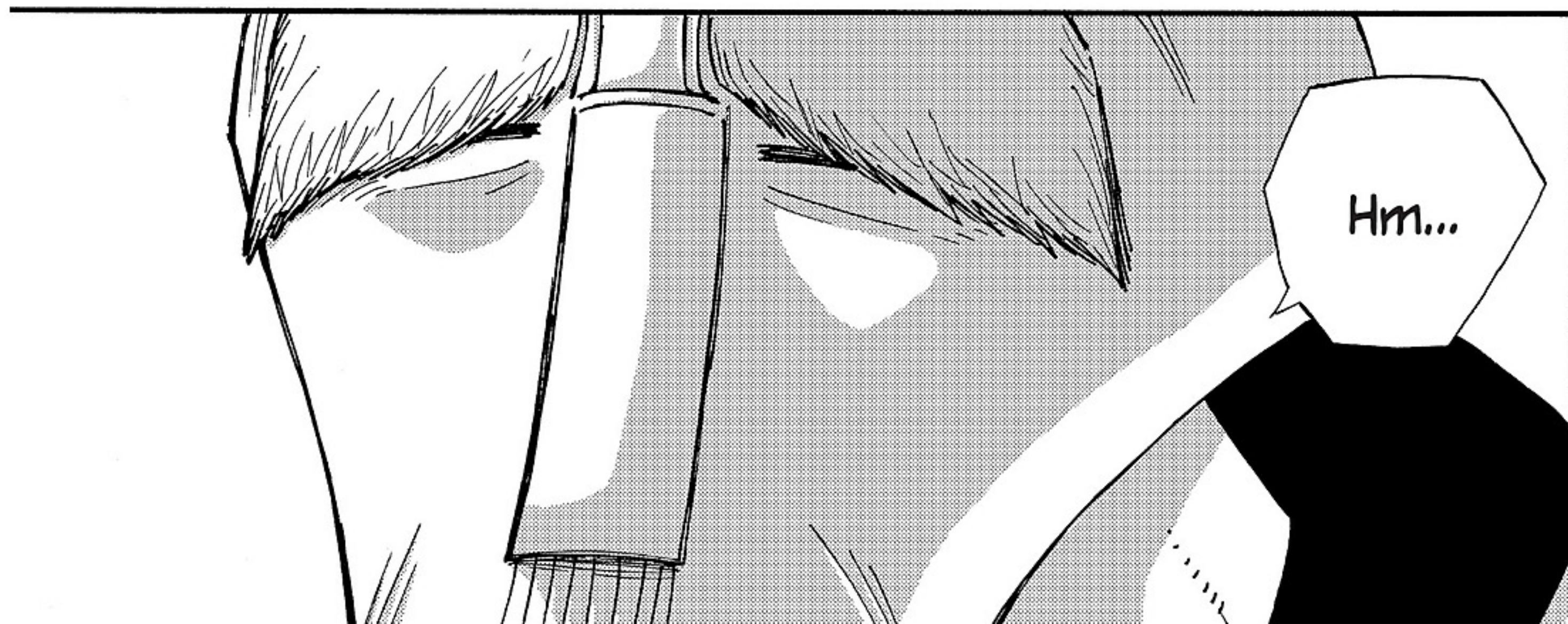
Rogue...



Is this the
result of three
months of
training and
their second
origins...?



Did it
make those
two *this*
strong?!



Hm...





THE SABER TOOTH
TWIN DRAGONS CAN
HARDLY GET A PUNCH
IN ON THE FAIRY TAIL
WIZARDS!!!!



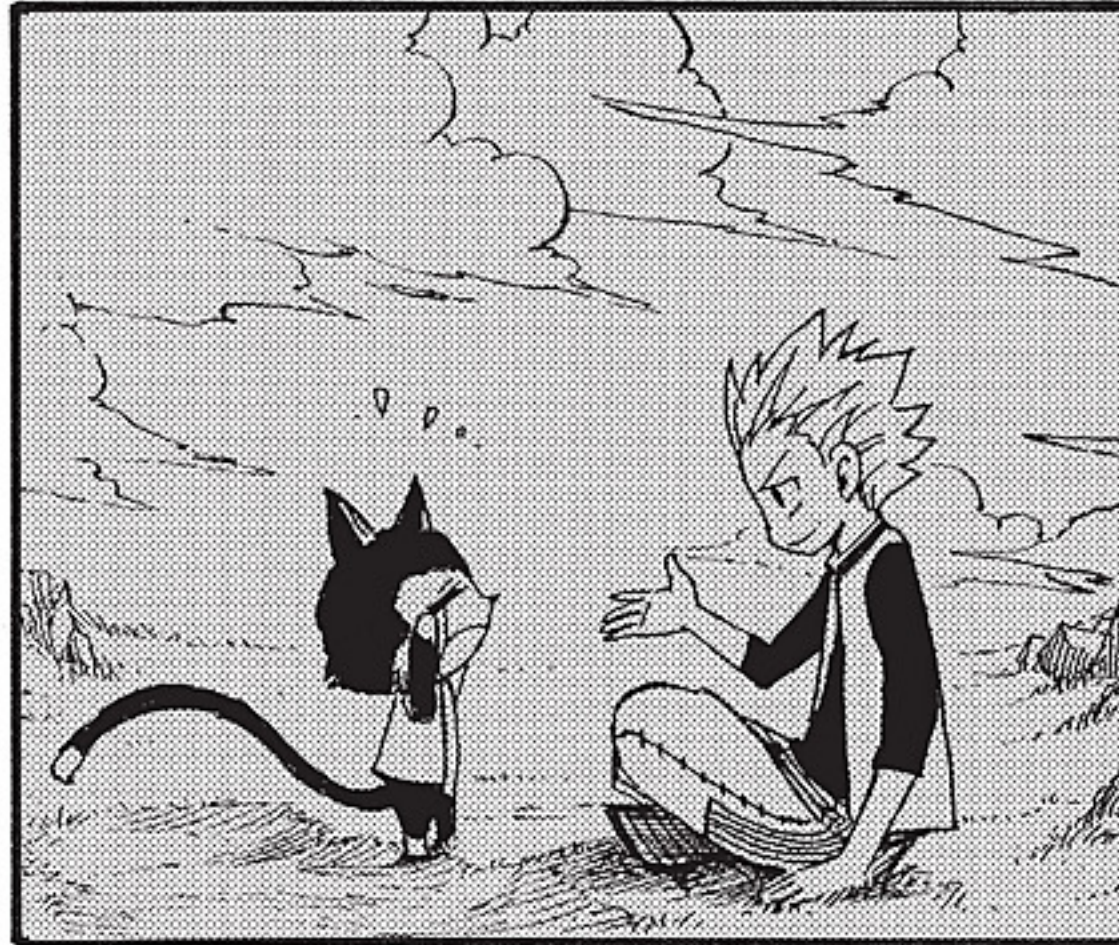
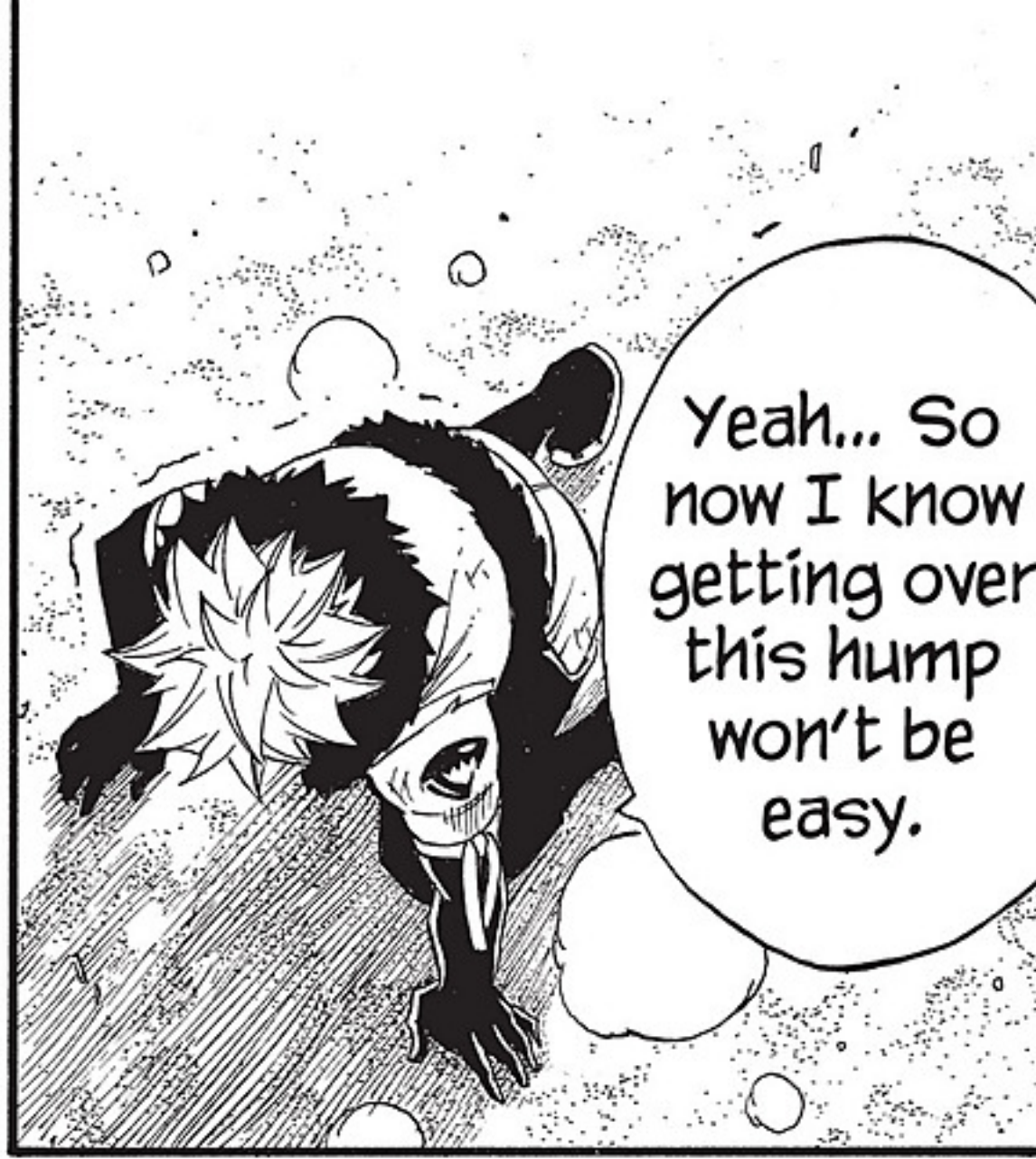
I-I HAVE TO SAY
I'M SHOCKED....!!
COULD ANYBODY HAVE
PREDICTED THIS TURN
OF EVENTS?!!

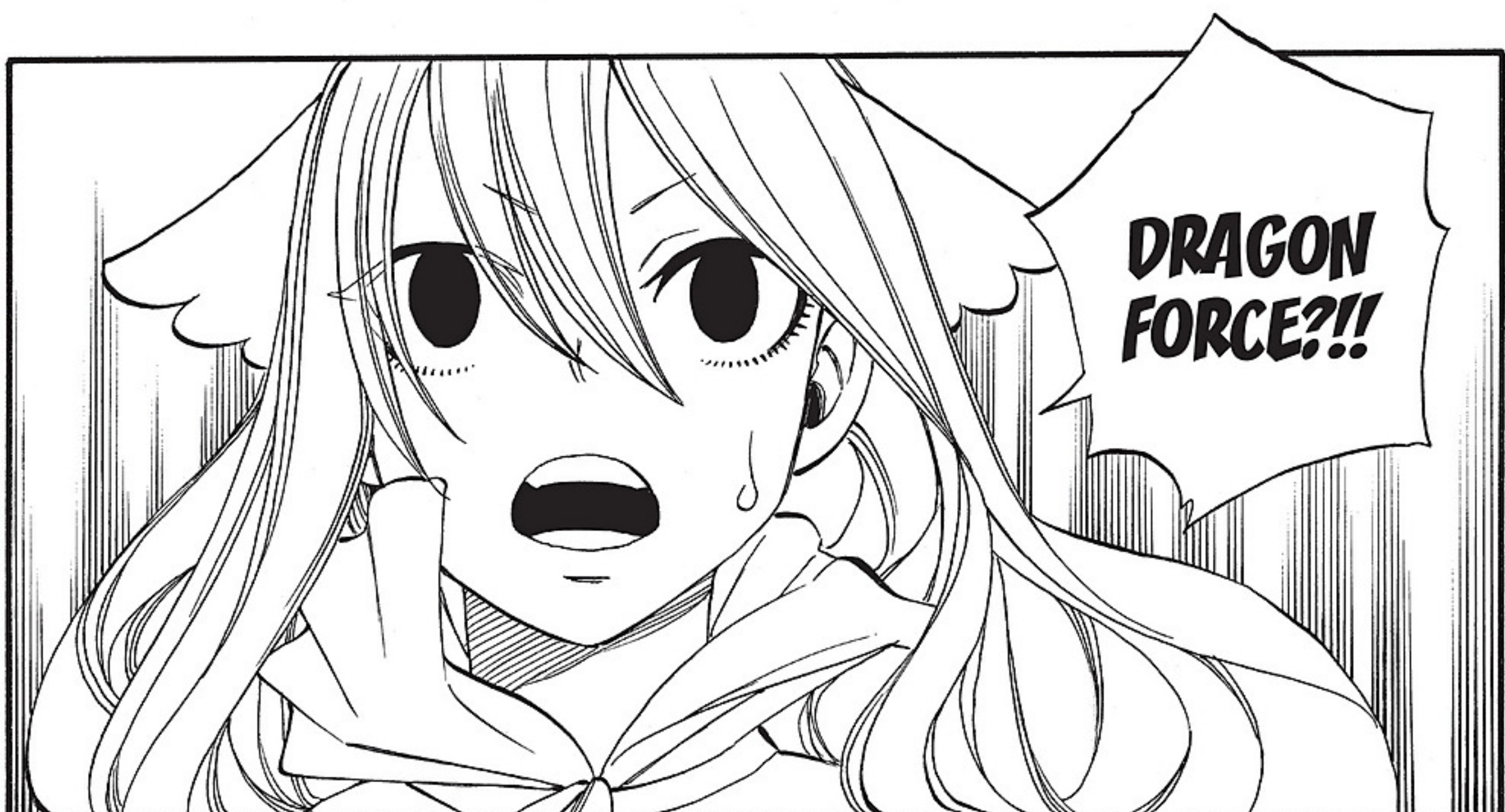
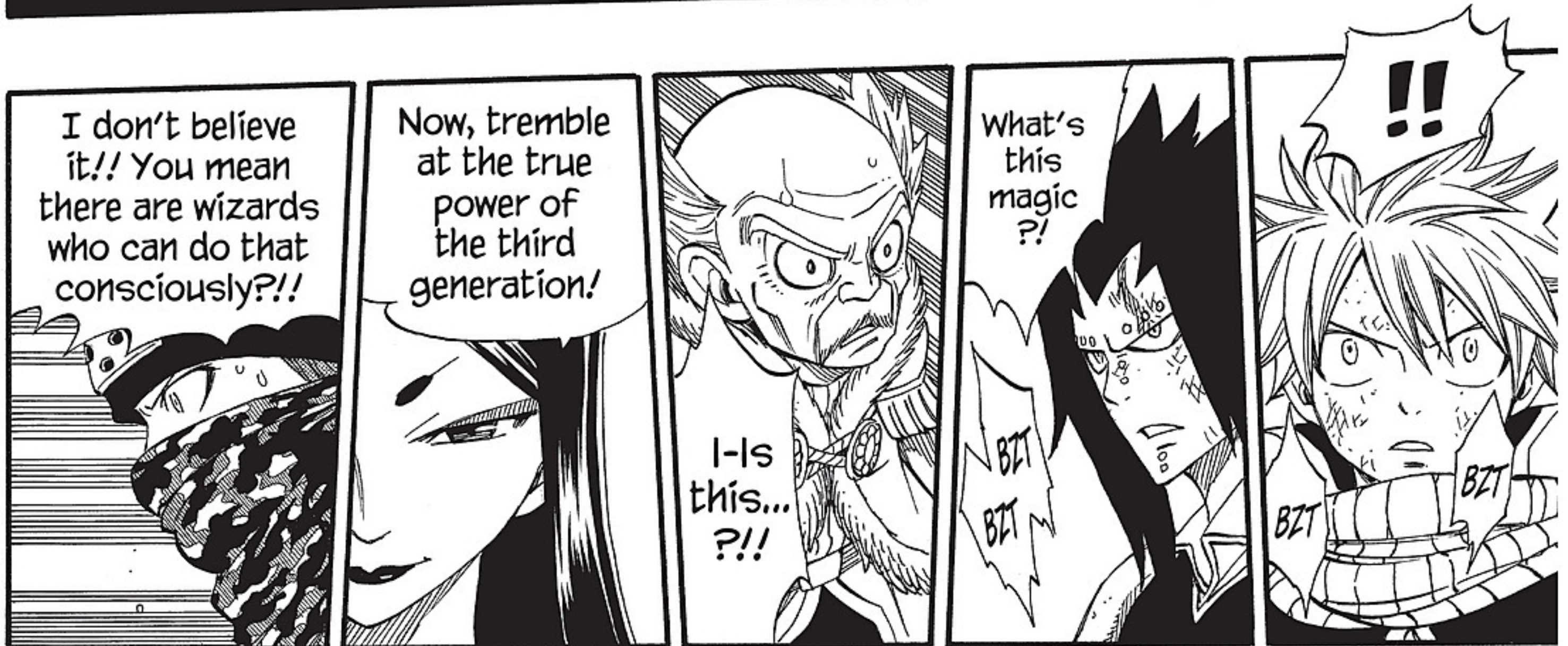


IS THIS HOW
THE MATCH
WILL END...?!!

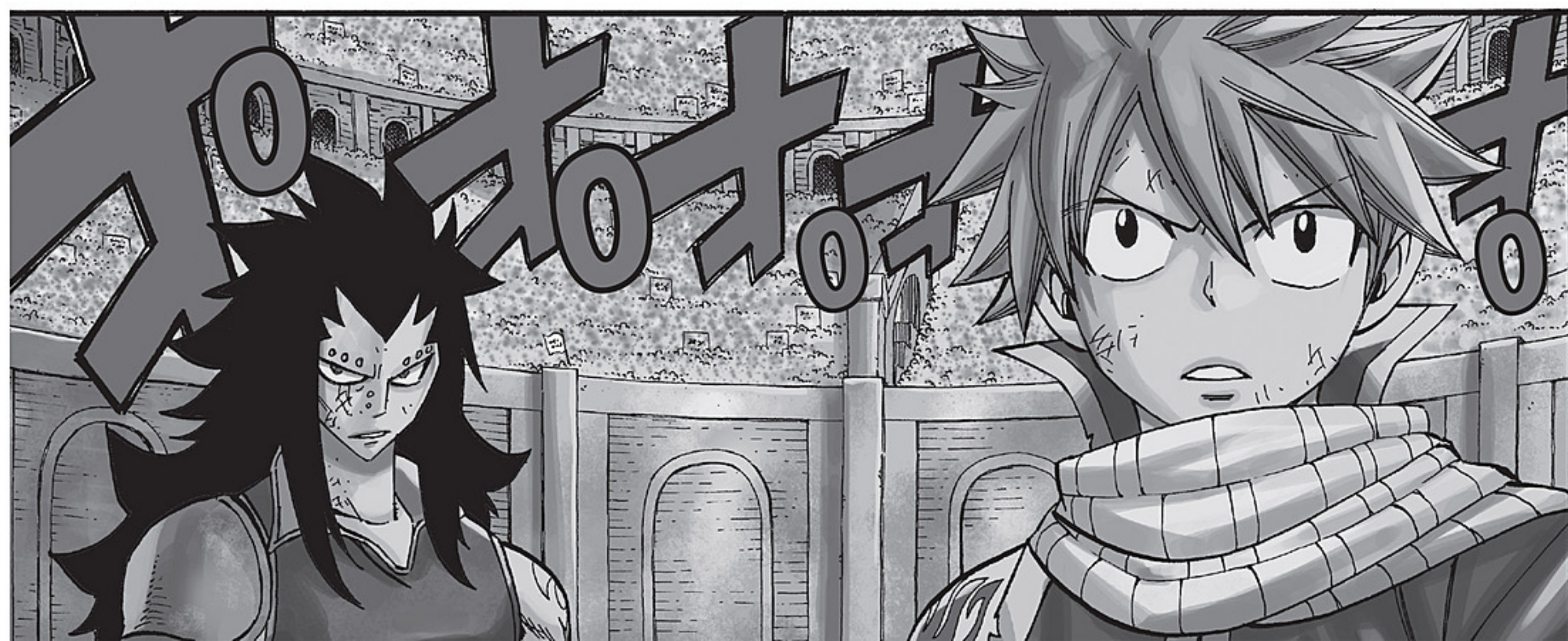


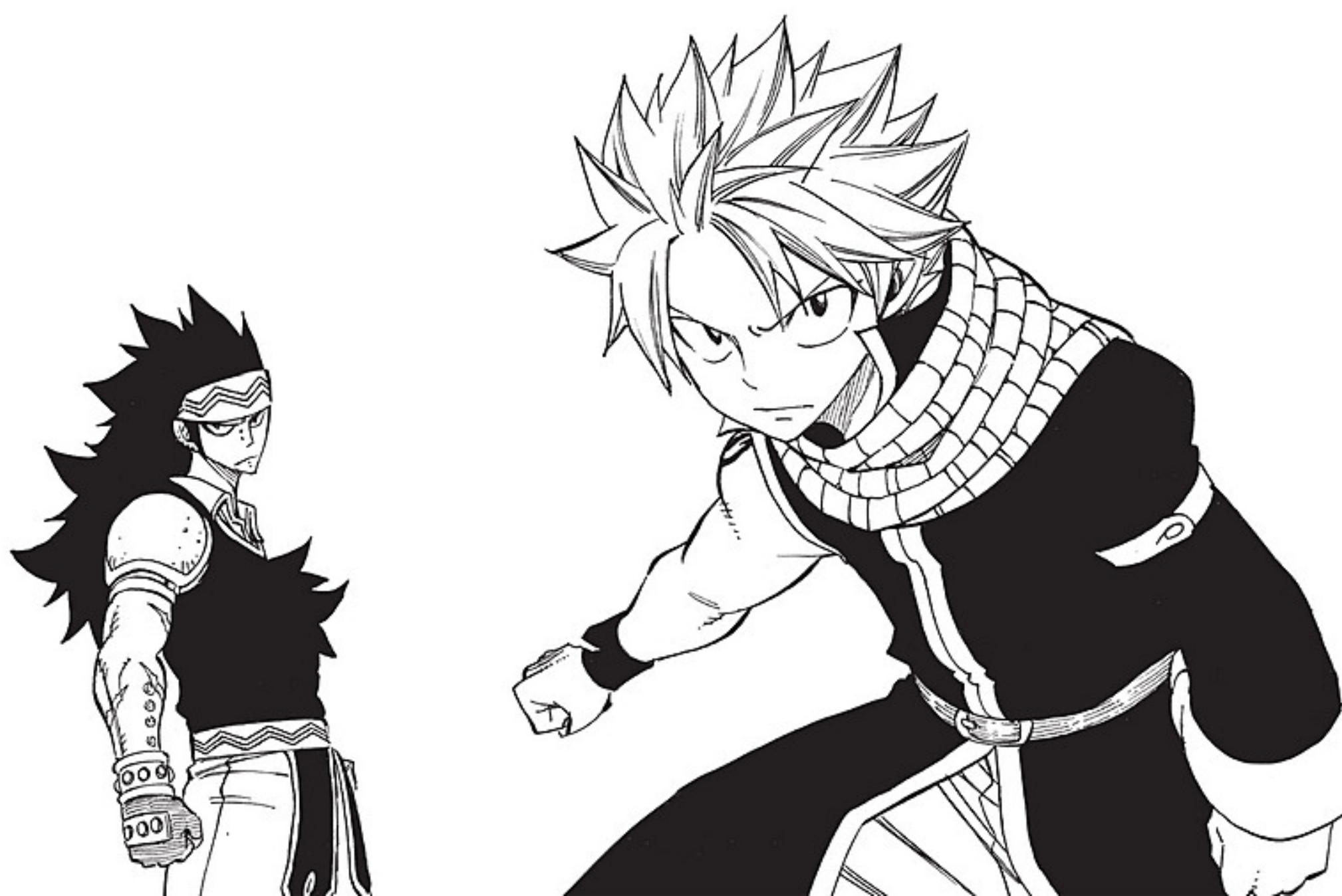
How is this
possible...
Punkin.

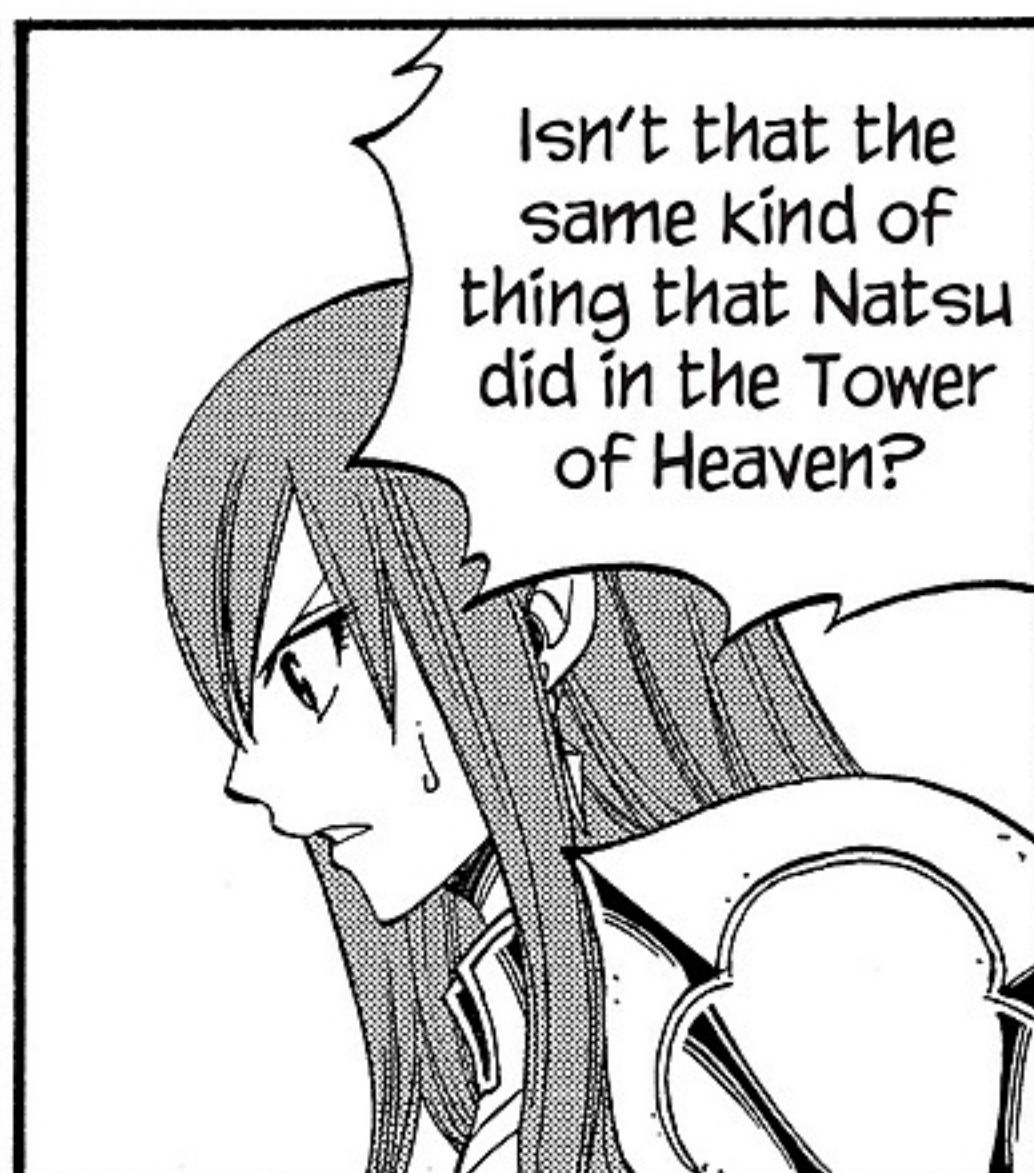
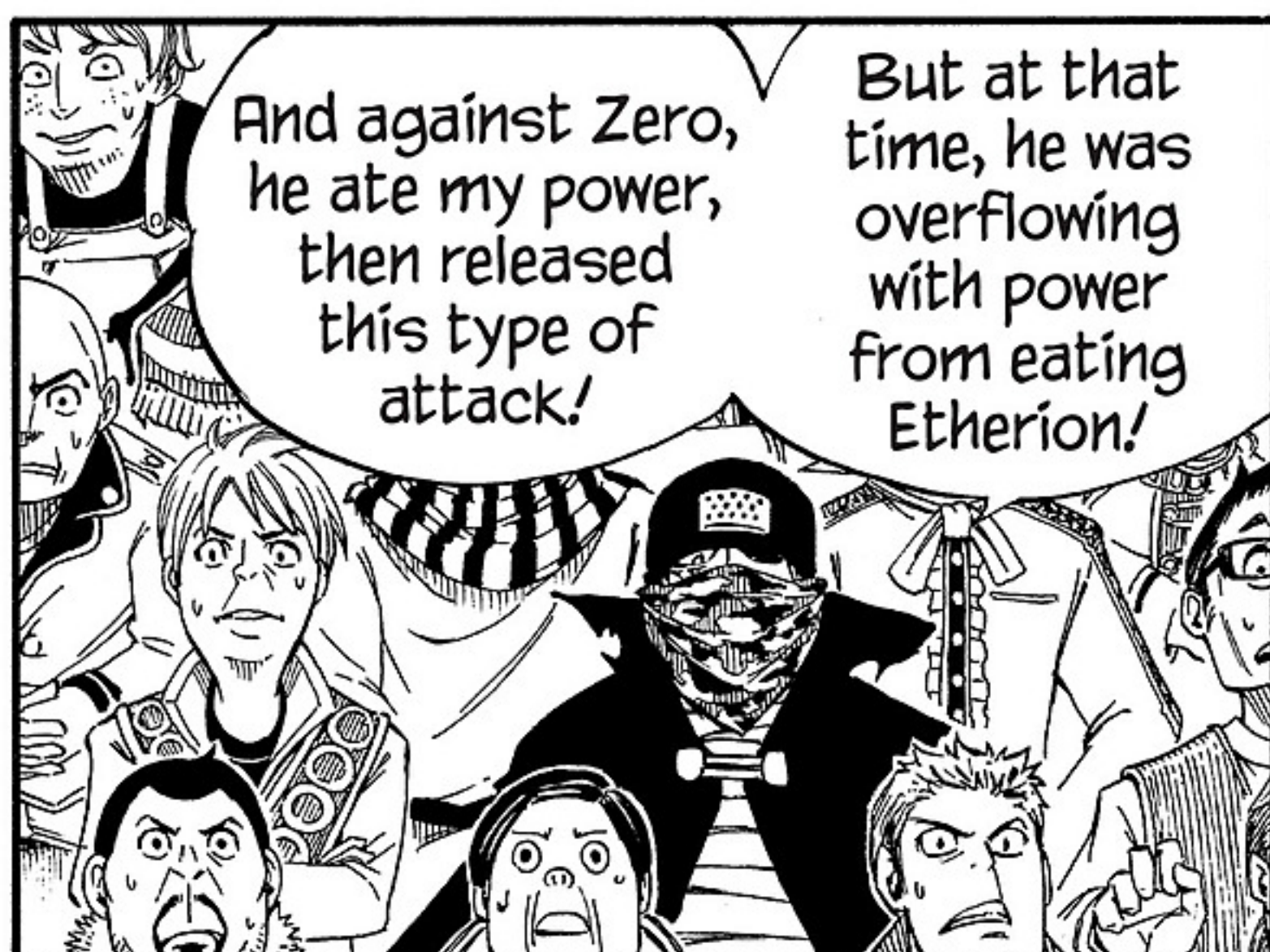


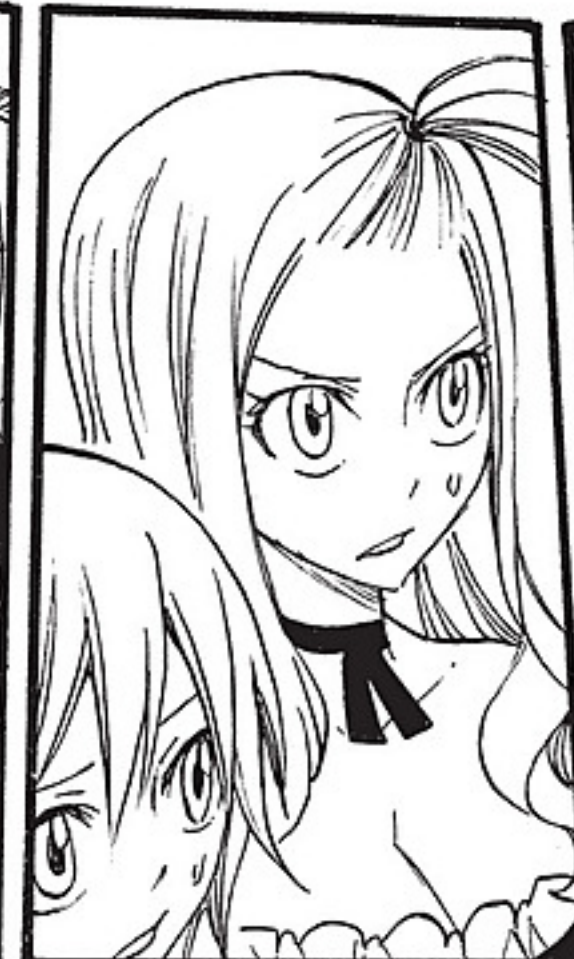
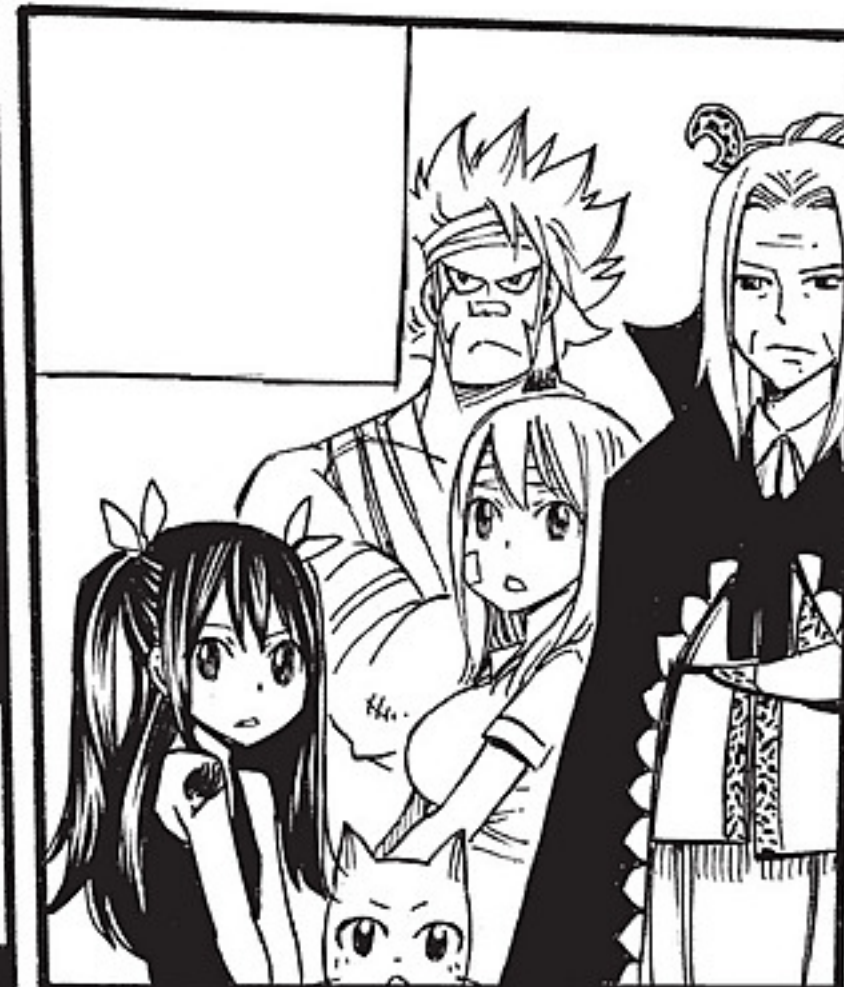
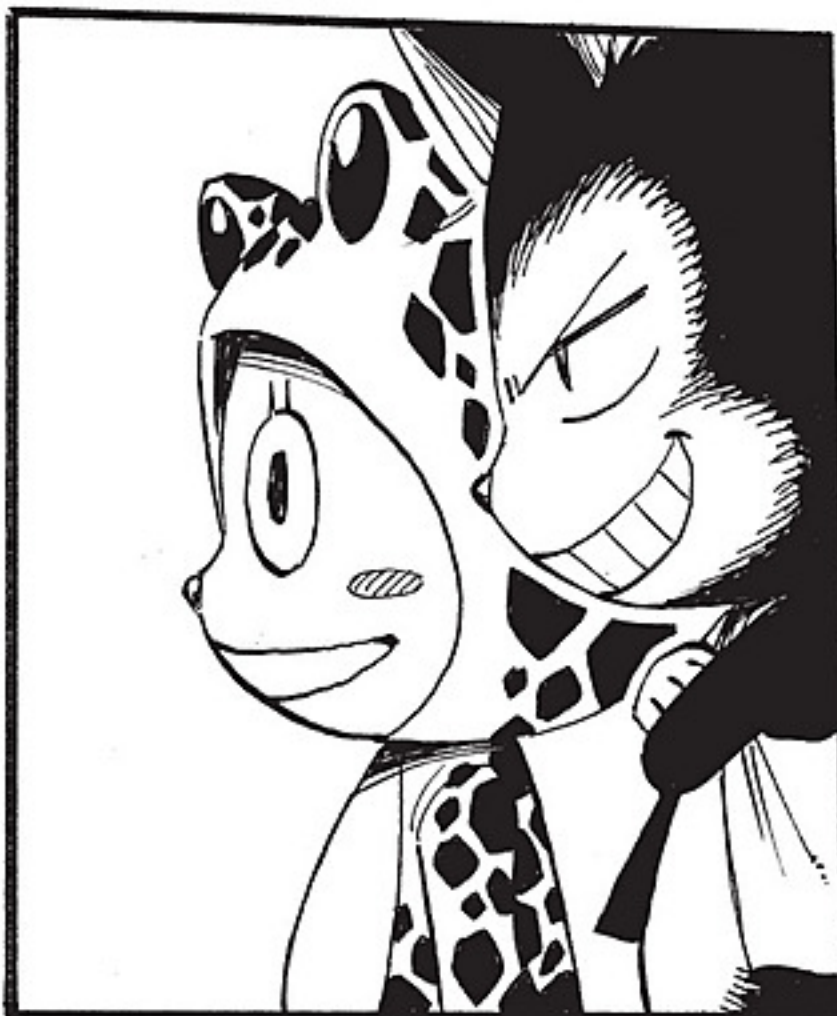
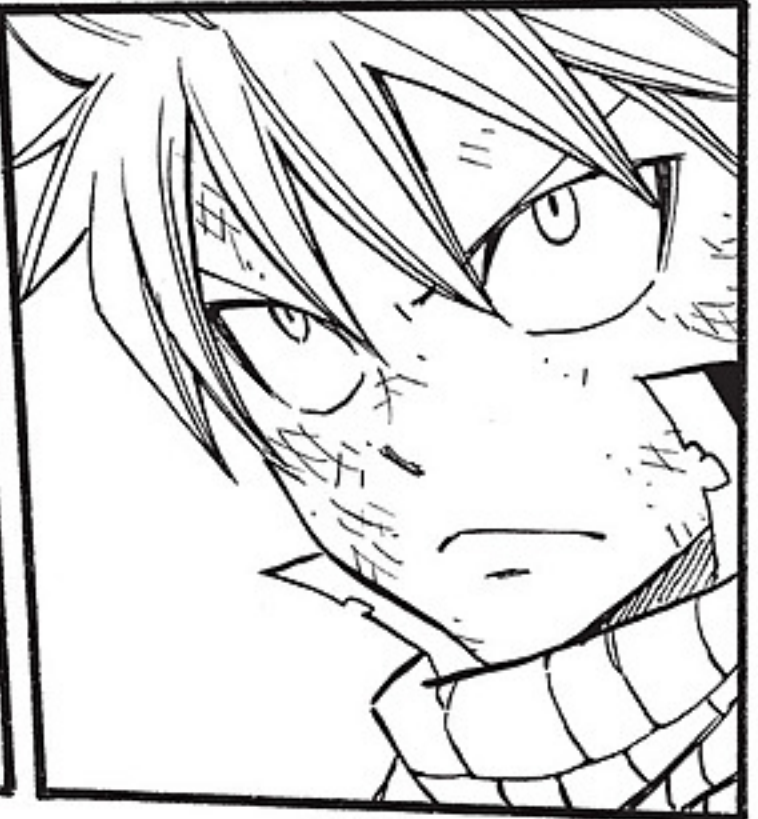
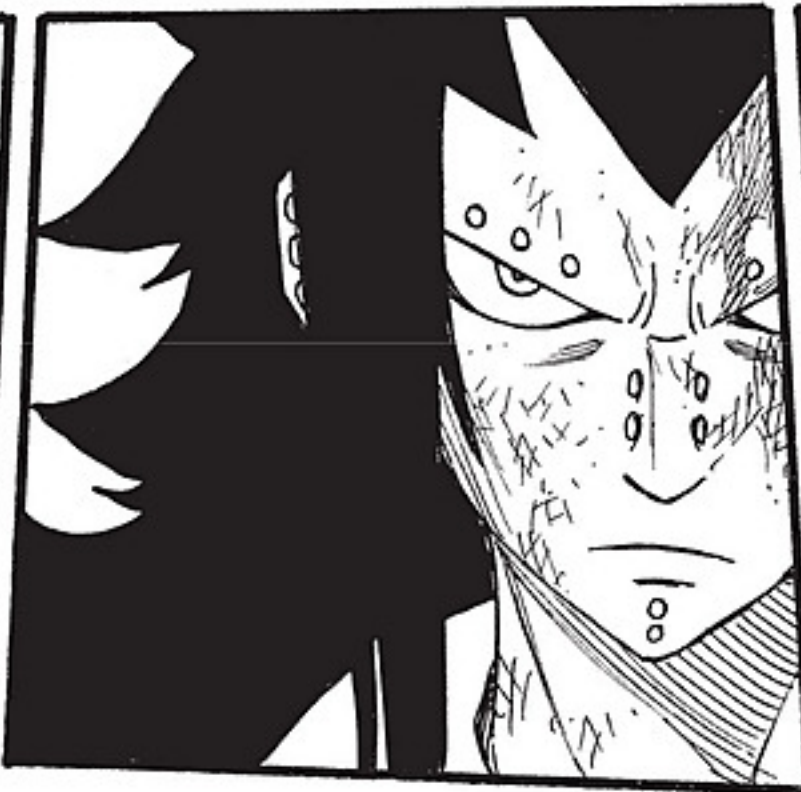




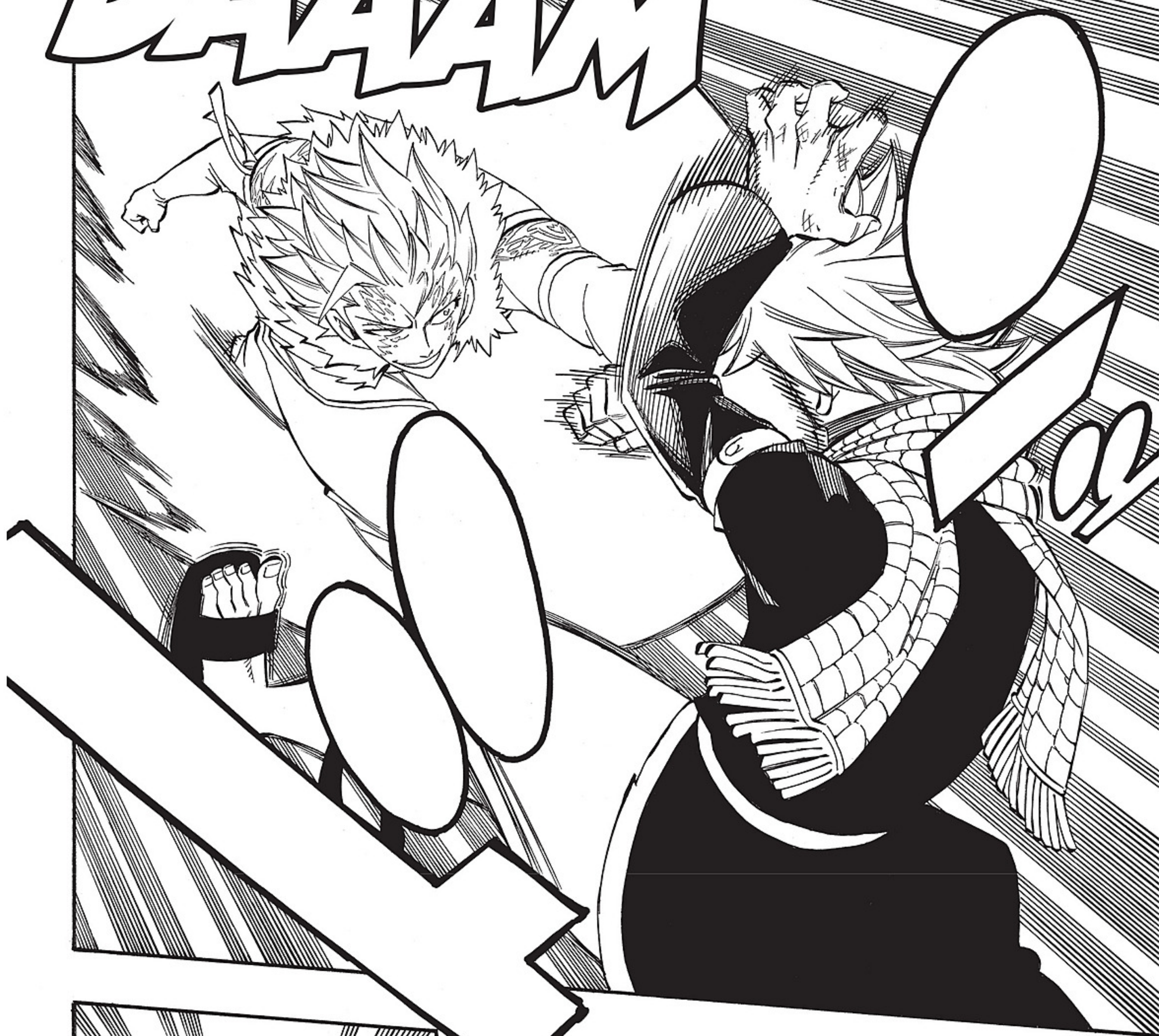


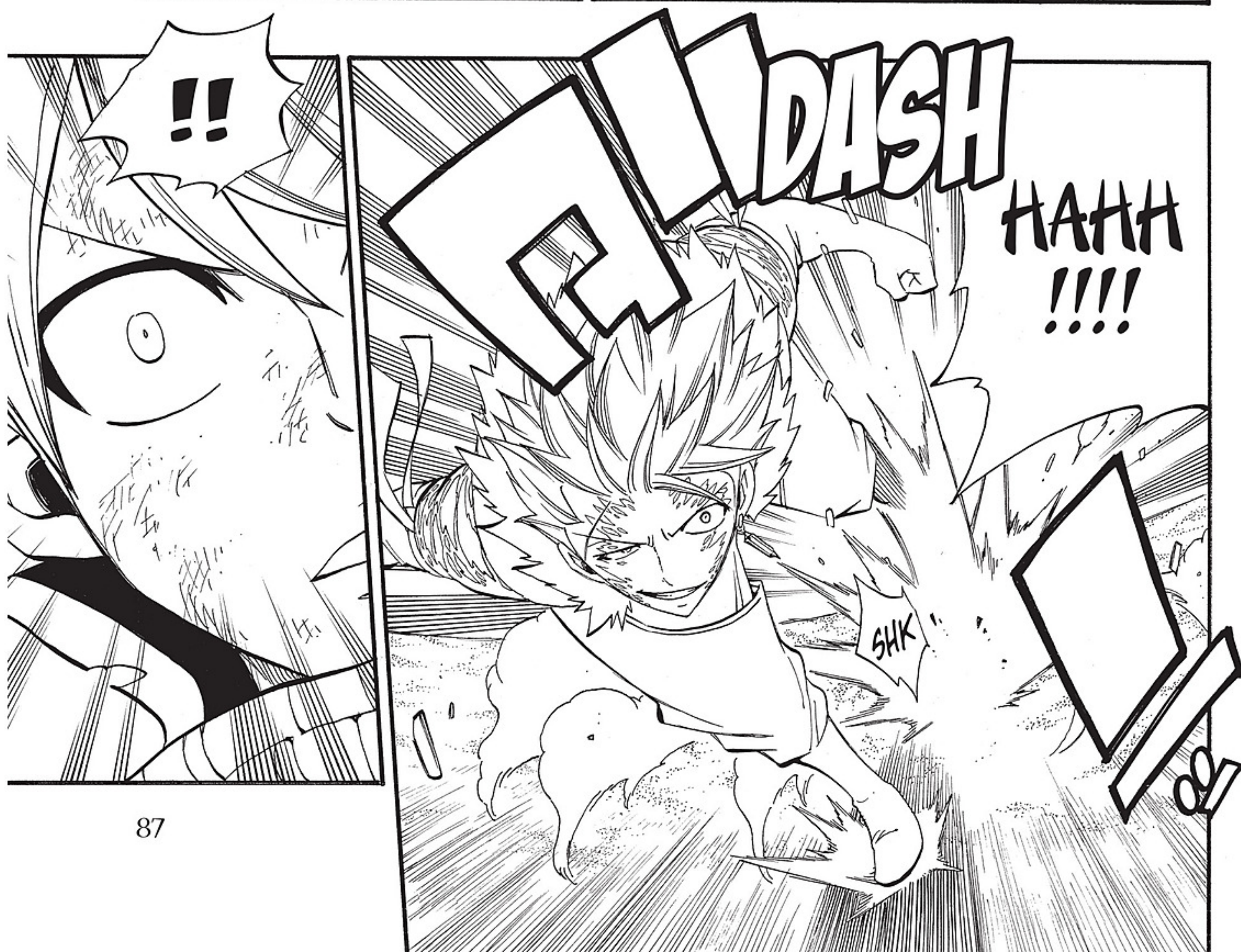
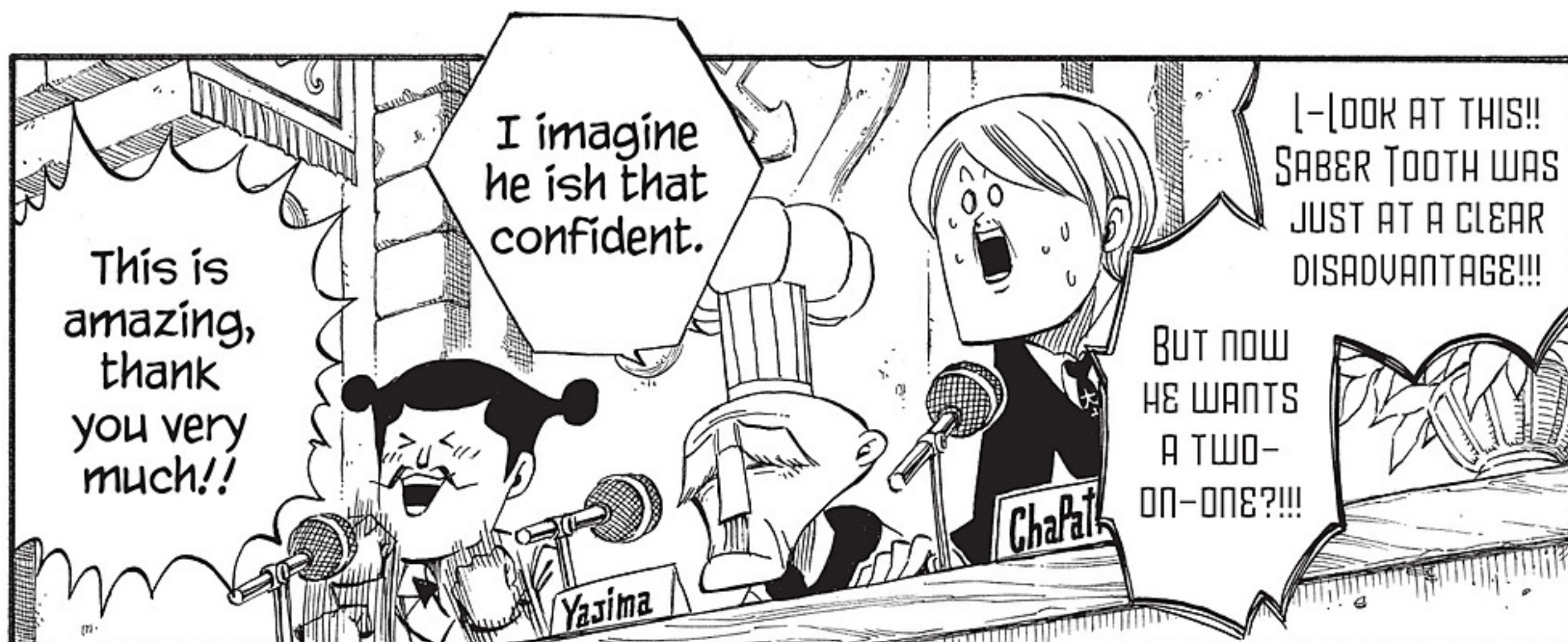


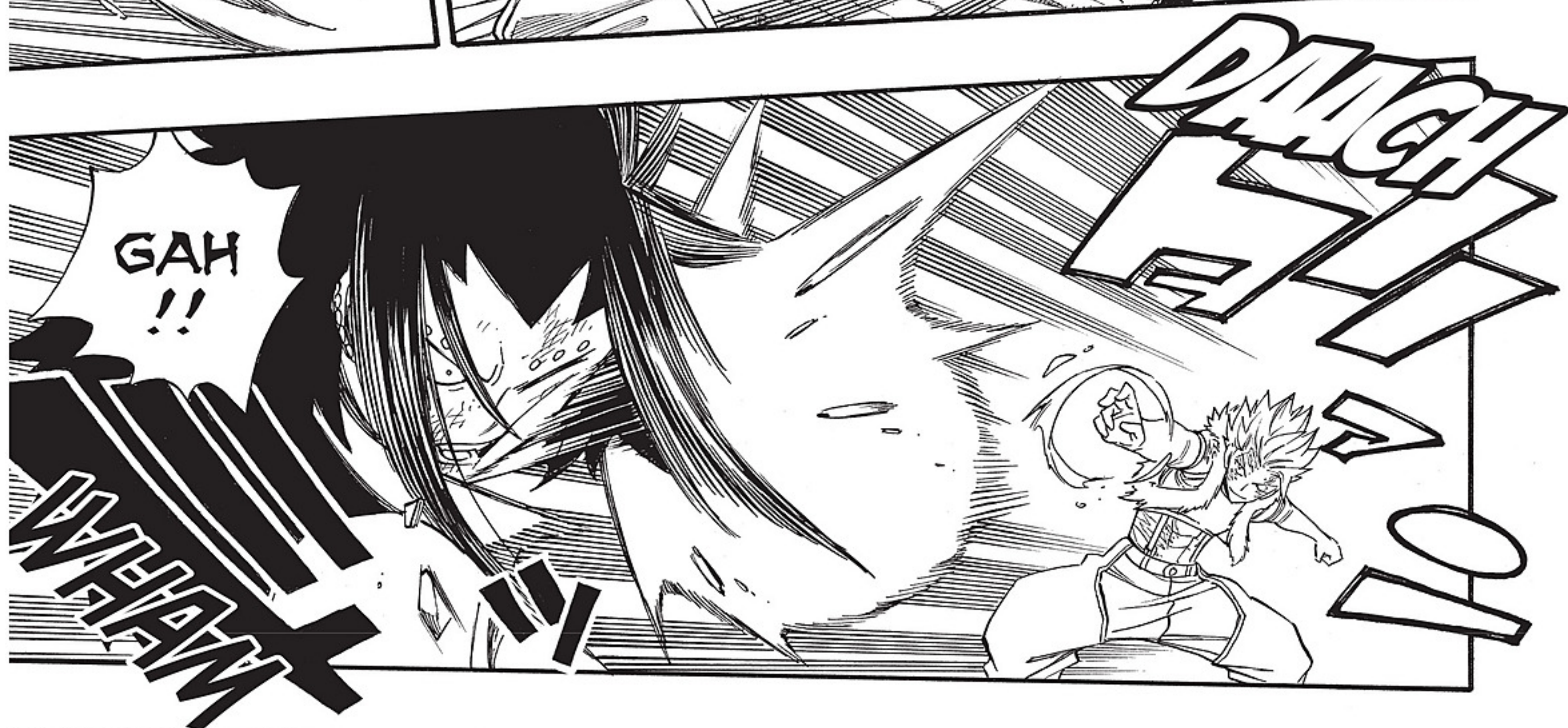
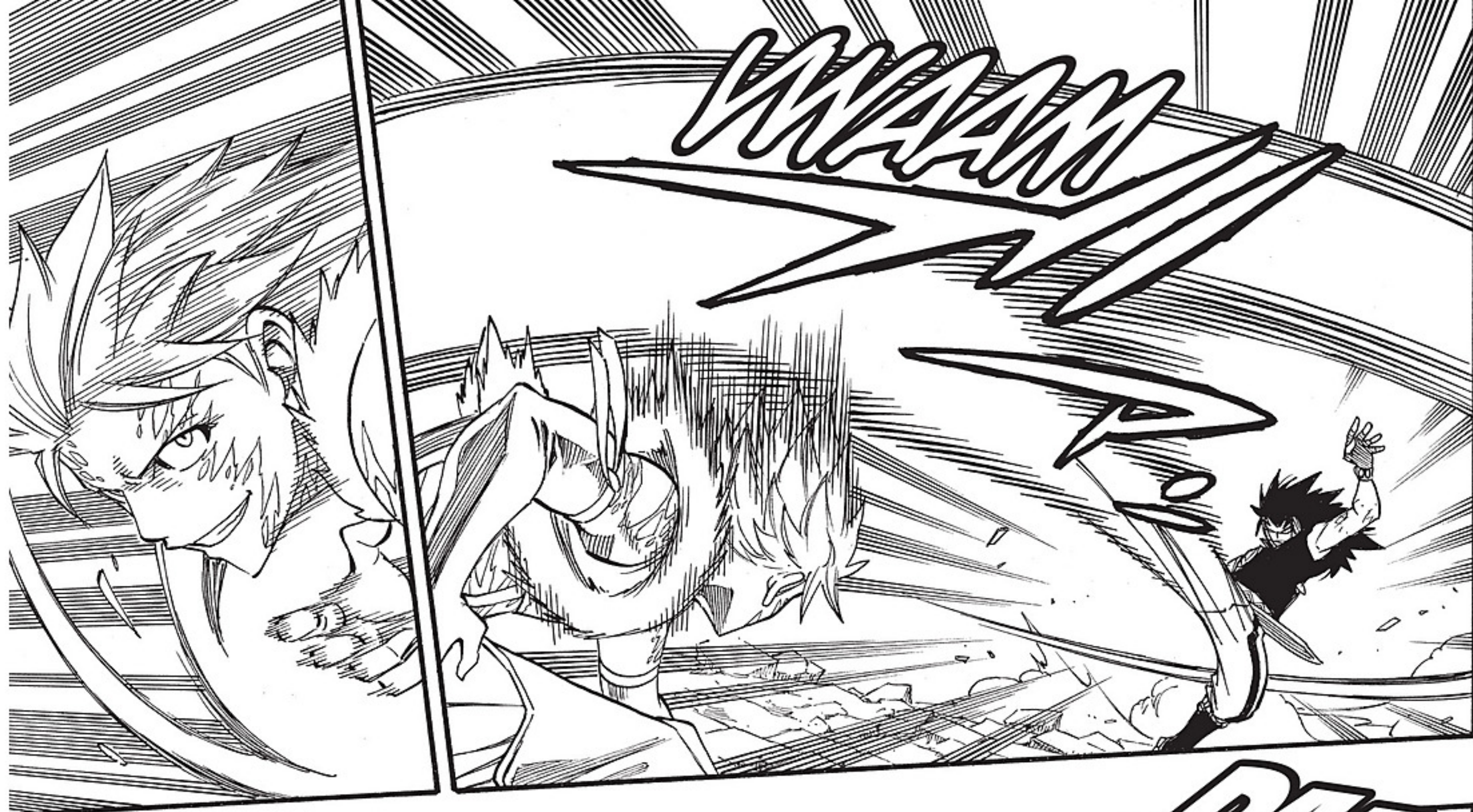


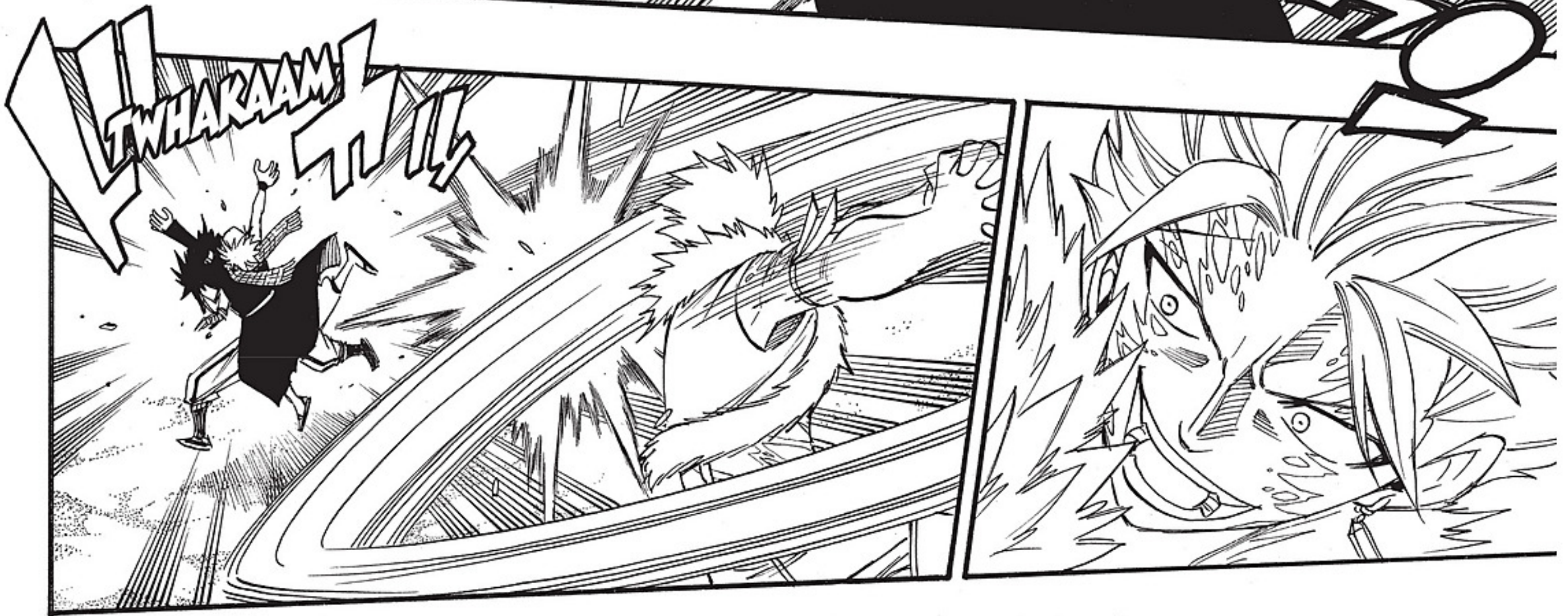


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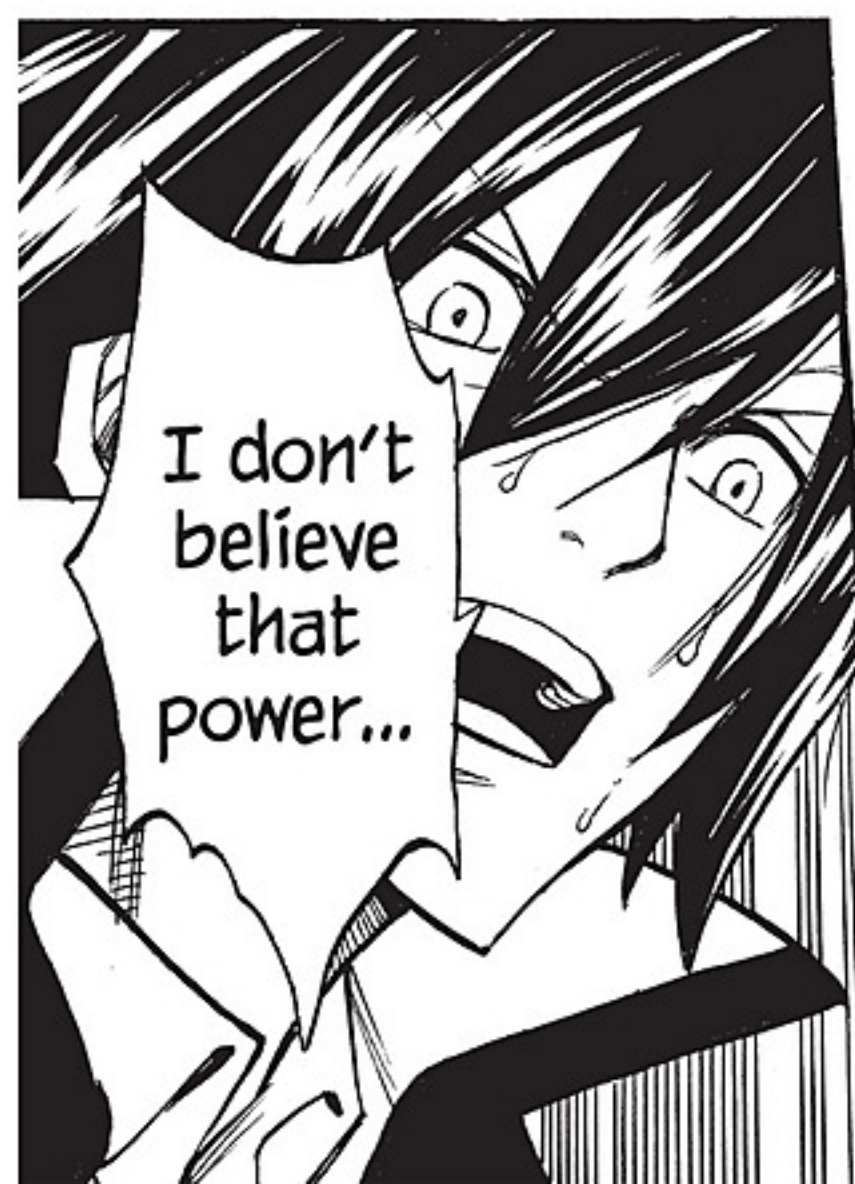






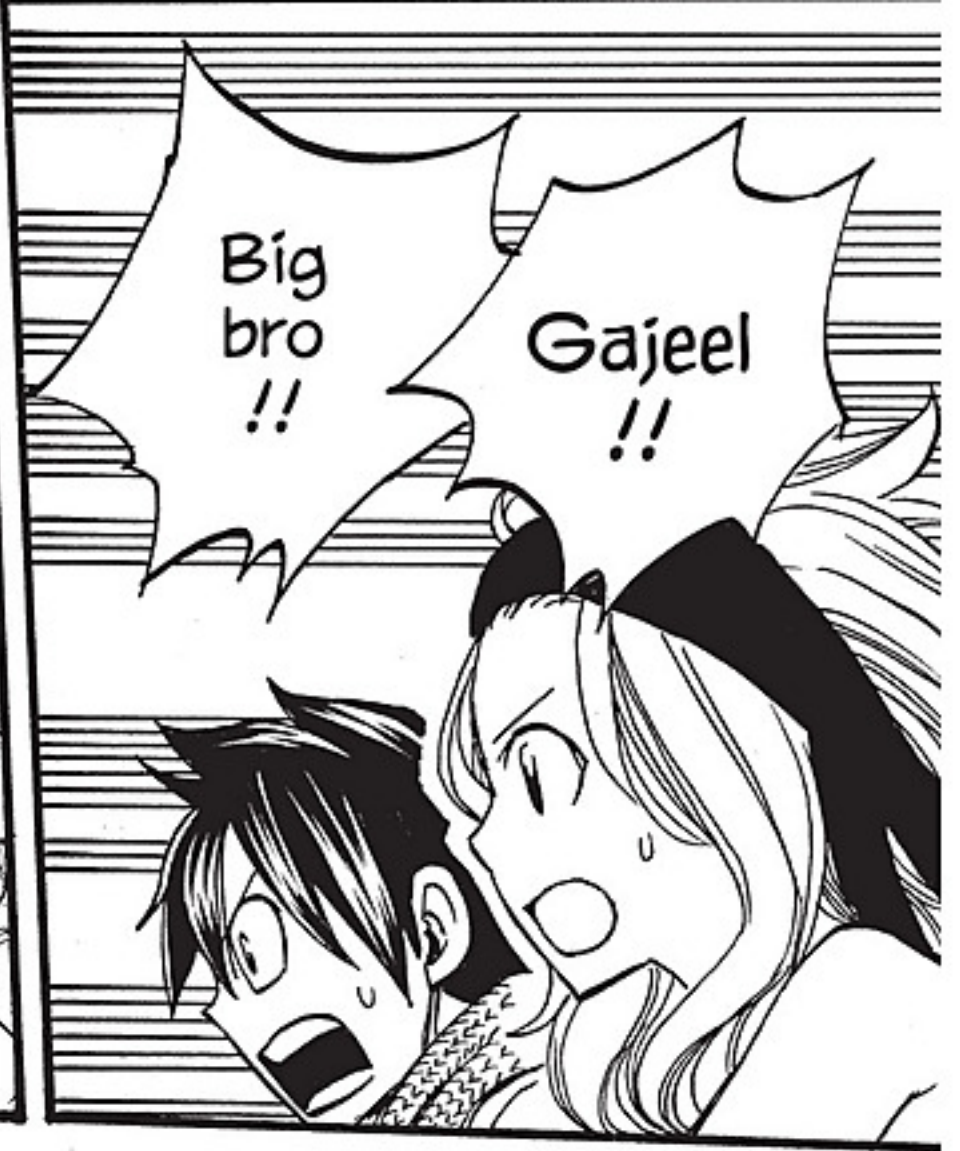
*White Dragon's



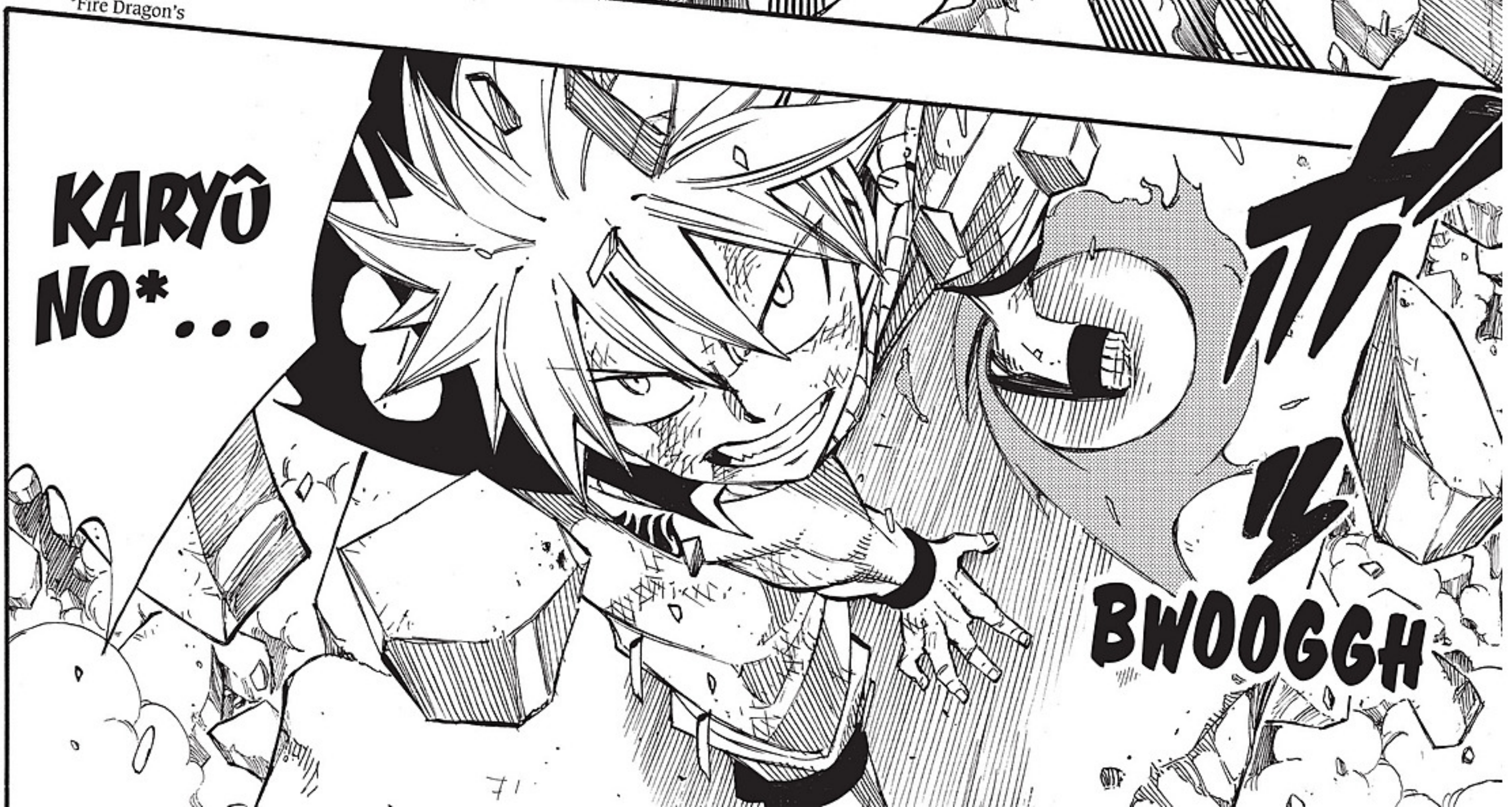


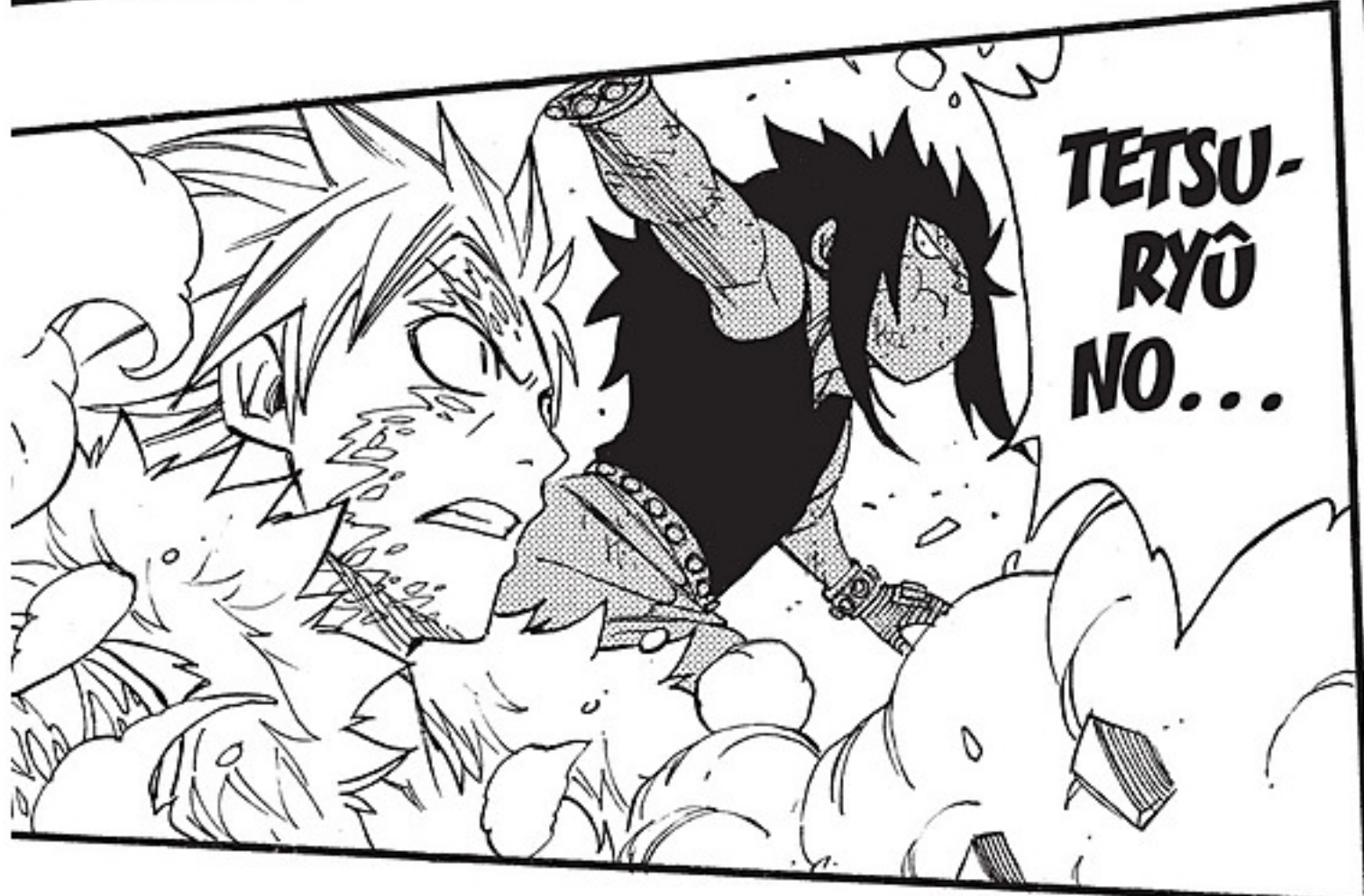
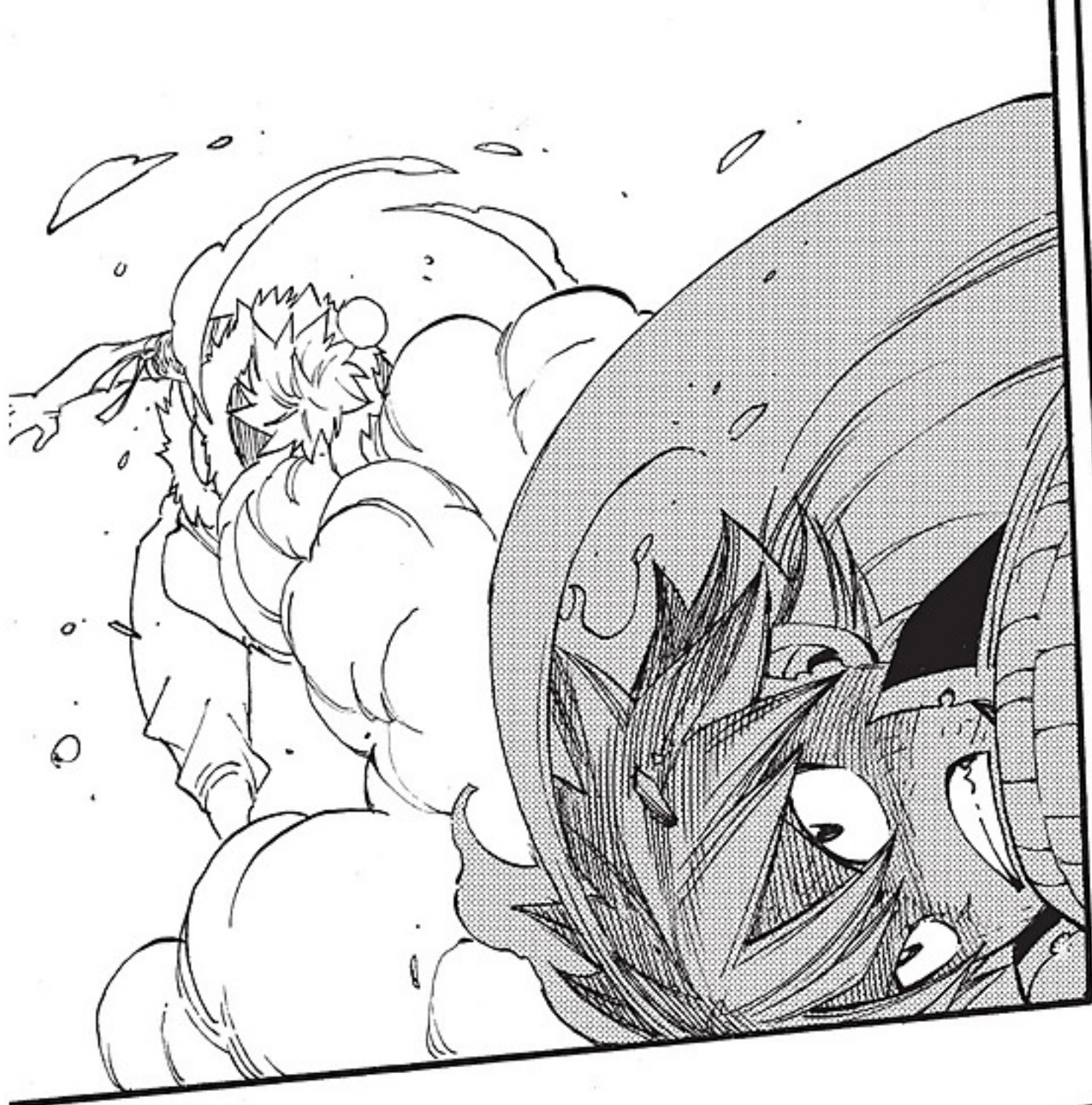


Is that
the kind of
destruction
a third
generation
dragon slayer
can generate
?!!!



*Fire Dragon's





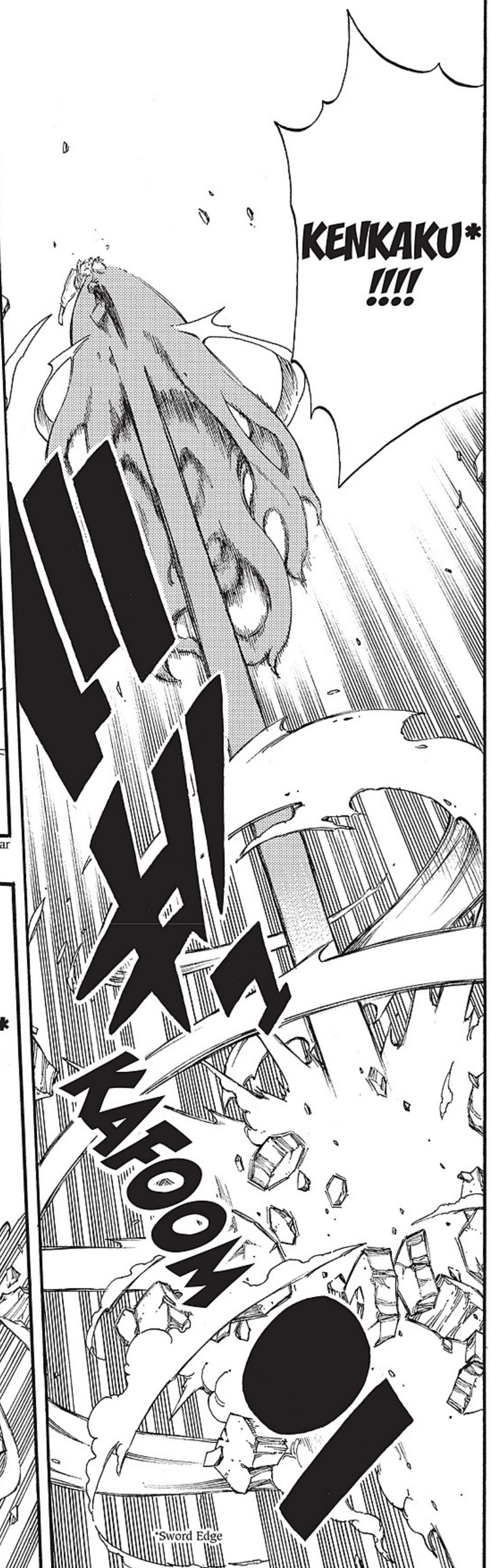
TETSU-
RYŪ
NO...

**Iron Dragon's Roar



...
HÔKÔ*
!!!!

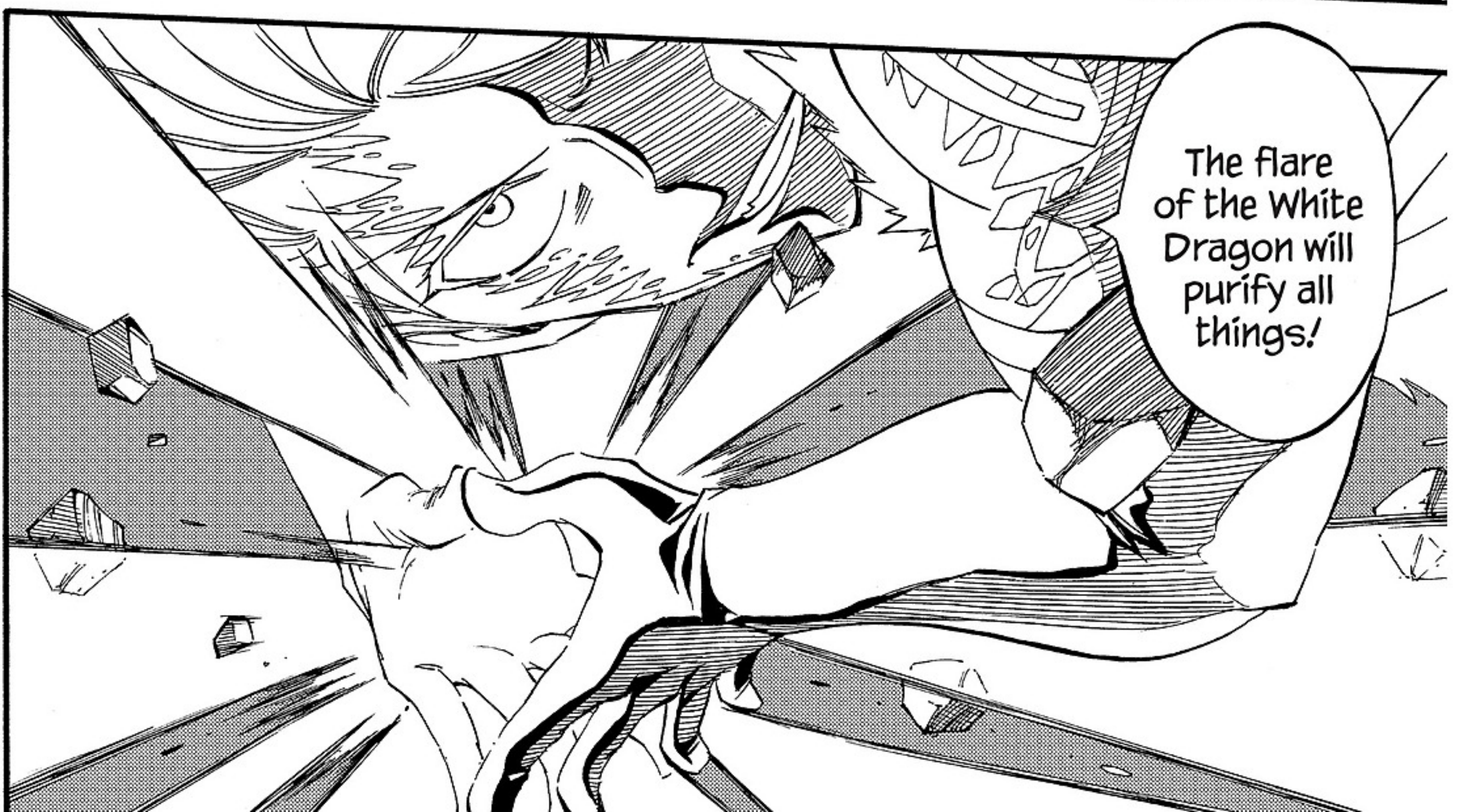
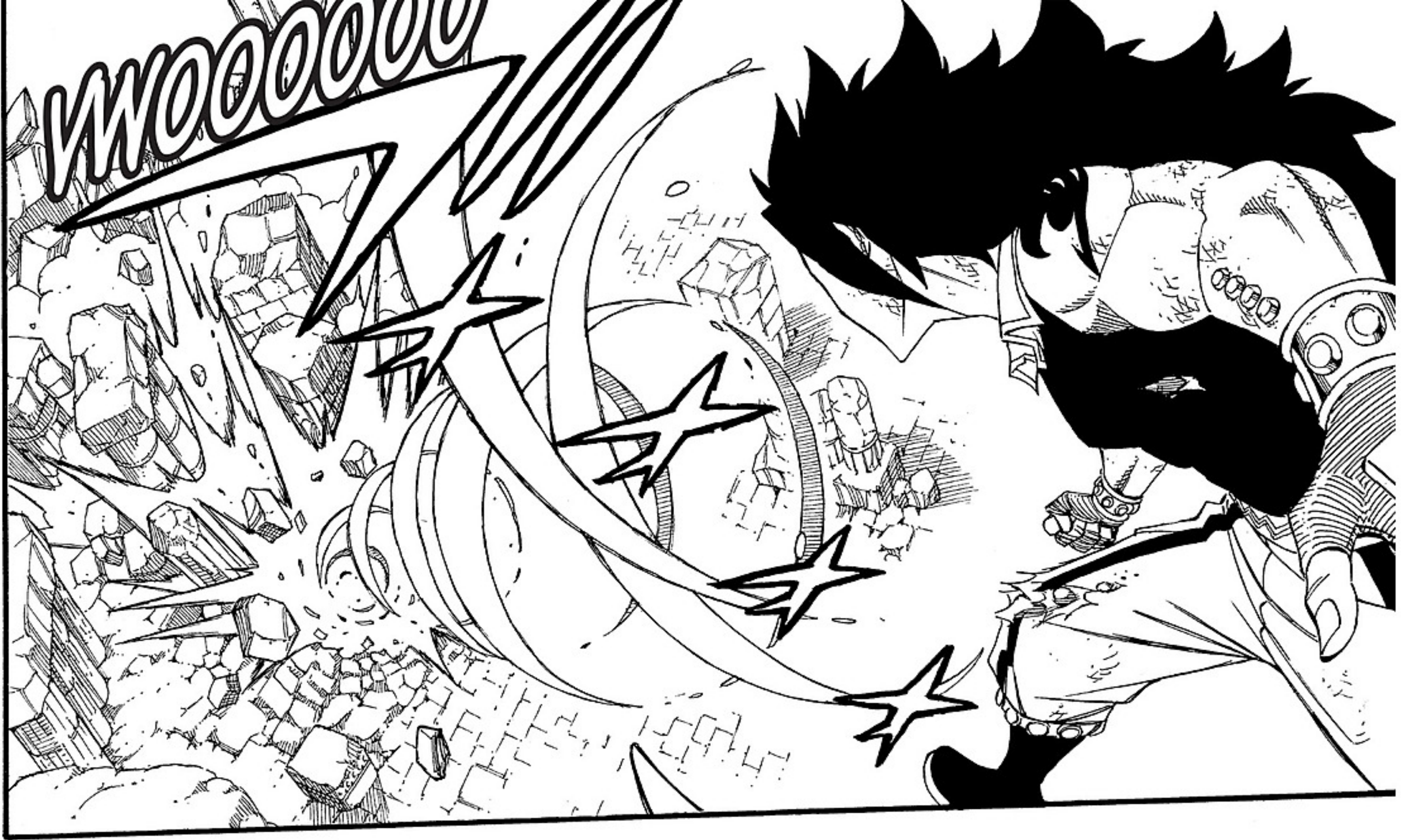
GWOOHH



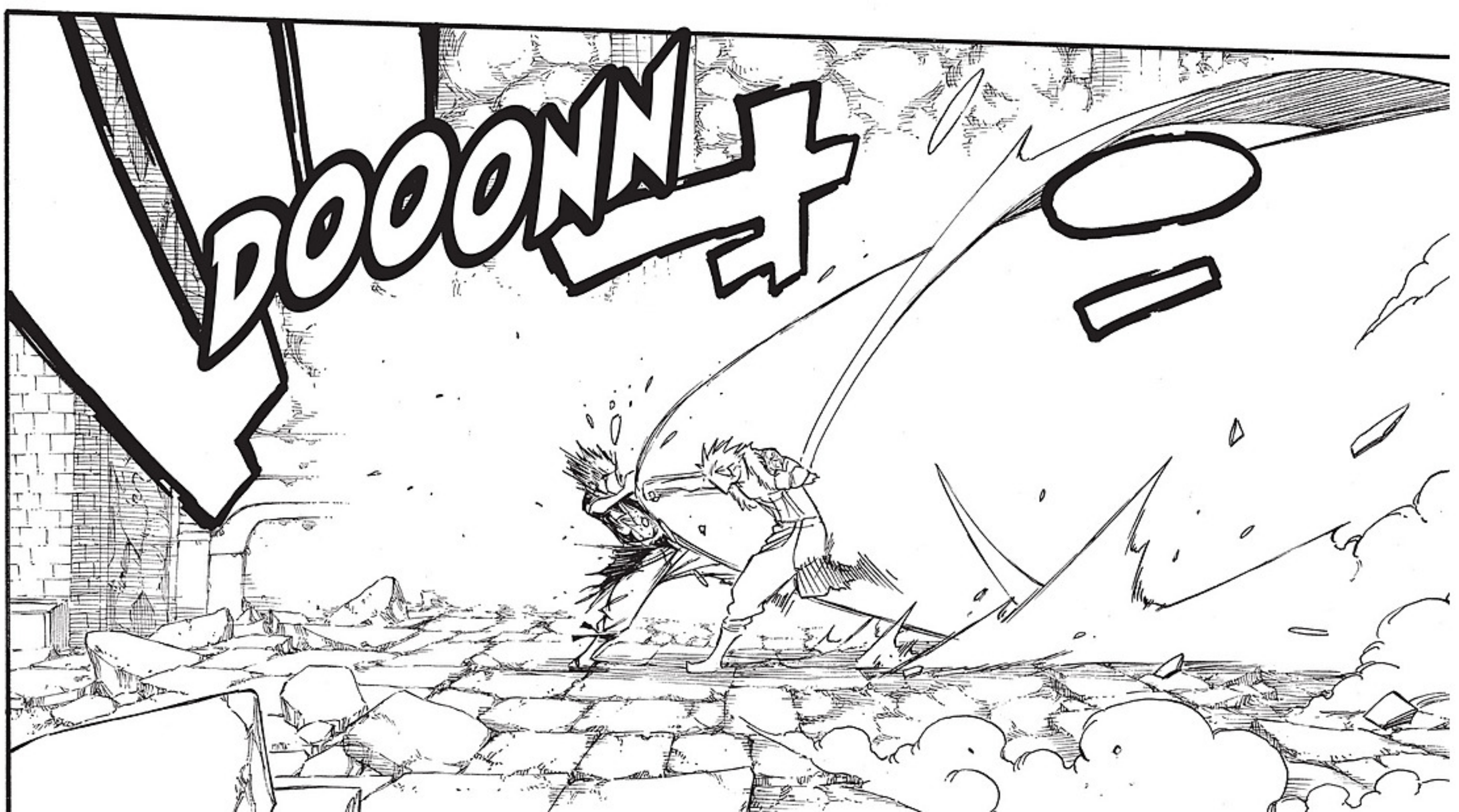
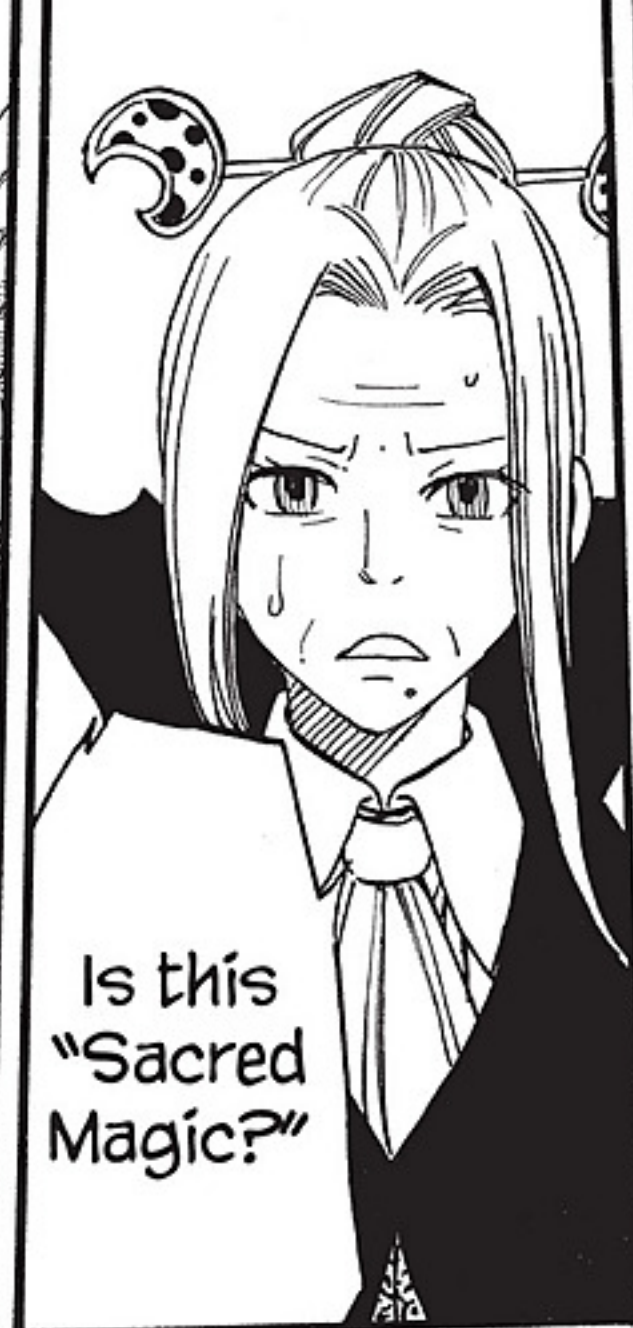
KENKAKU*
!!!!

KAFOON

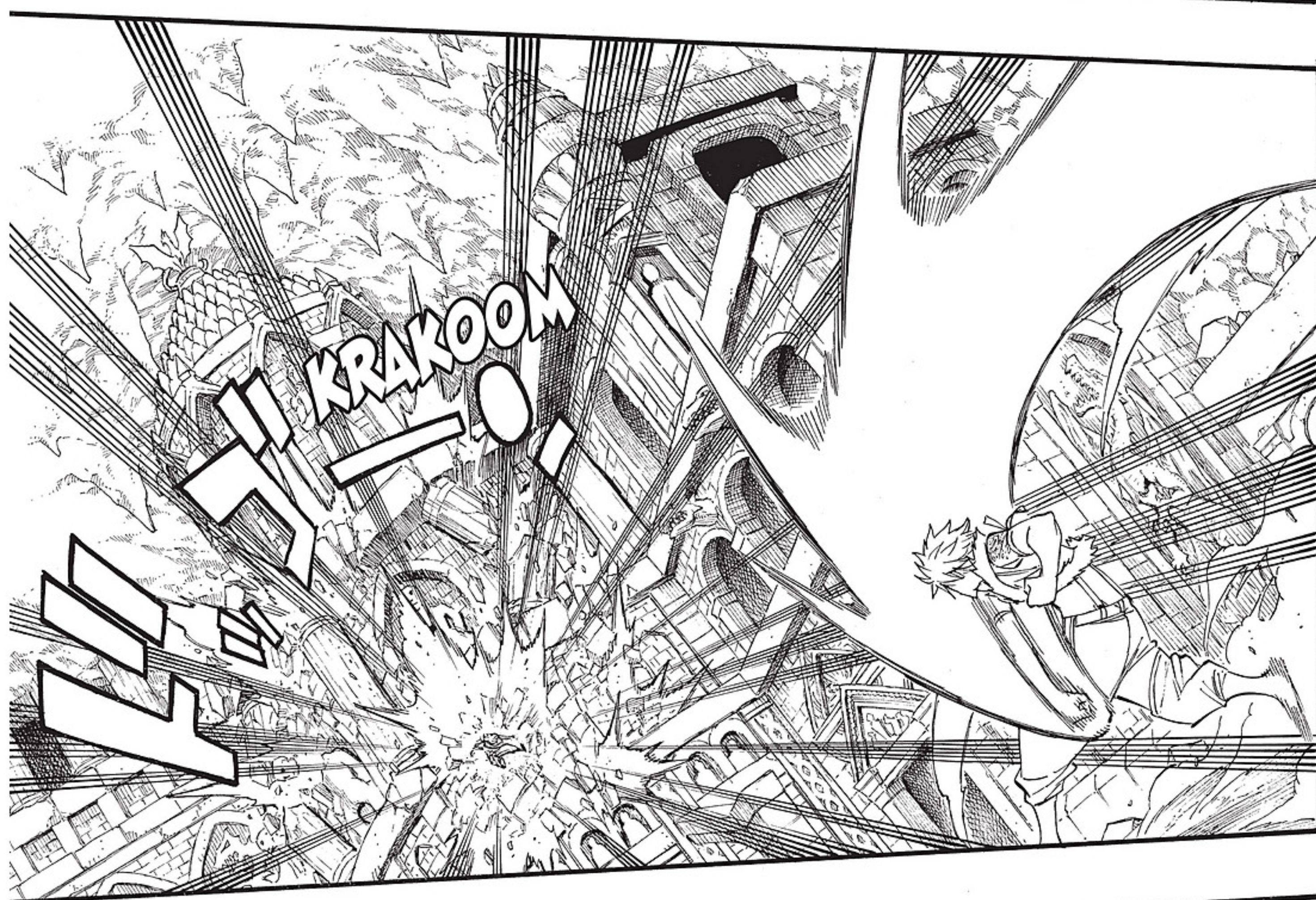
*Sword Edge



The flare
of the White
Dragon will
purify all
things!

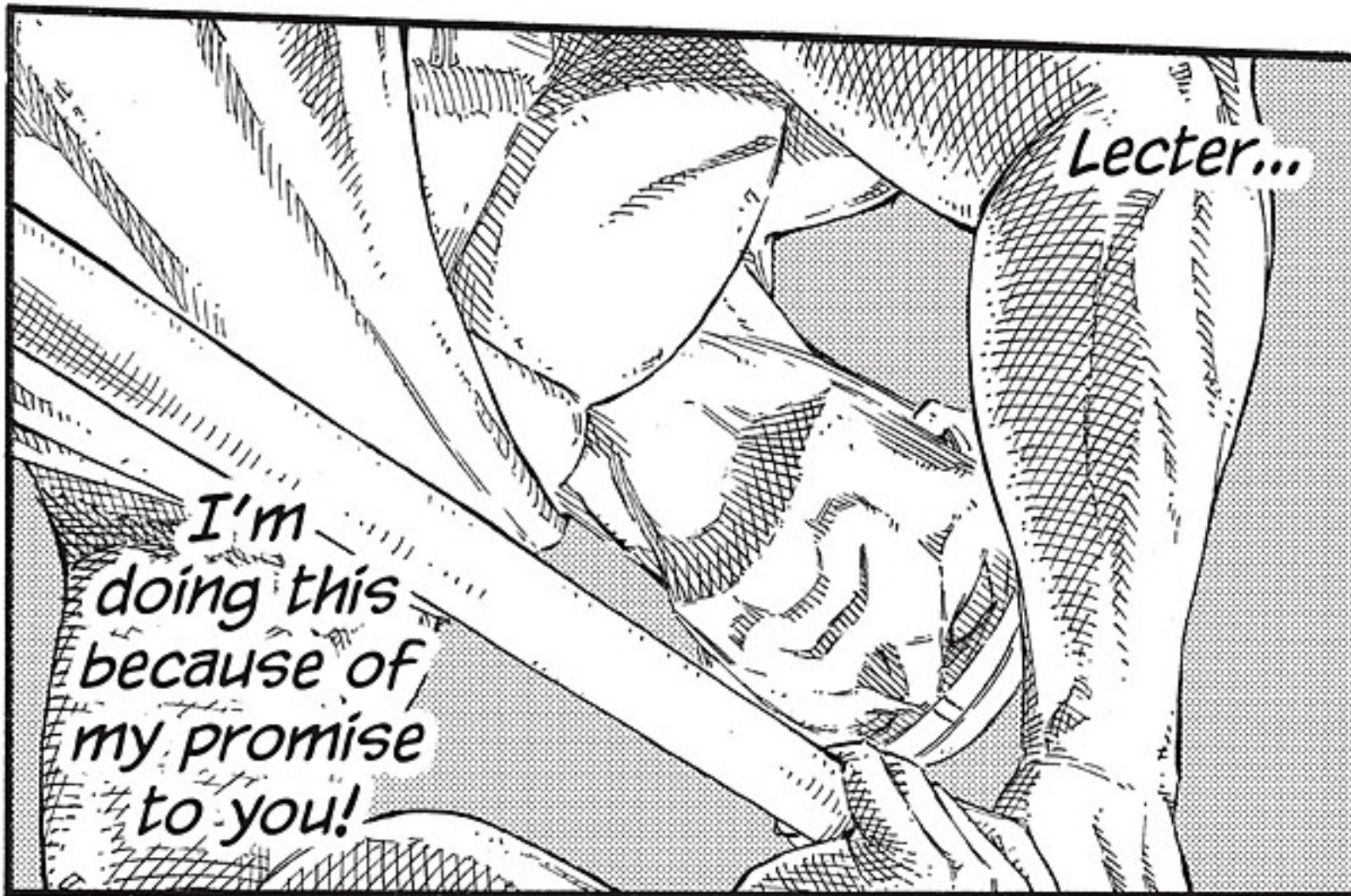
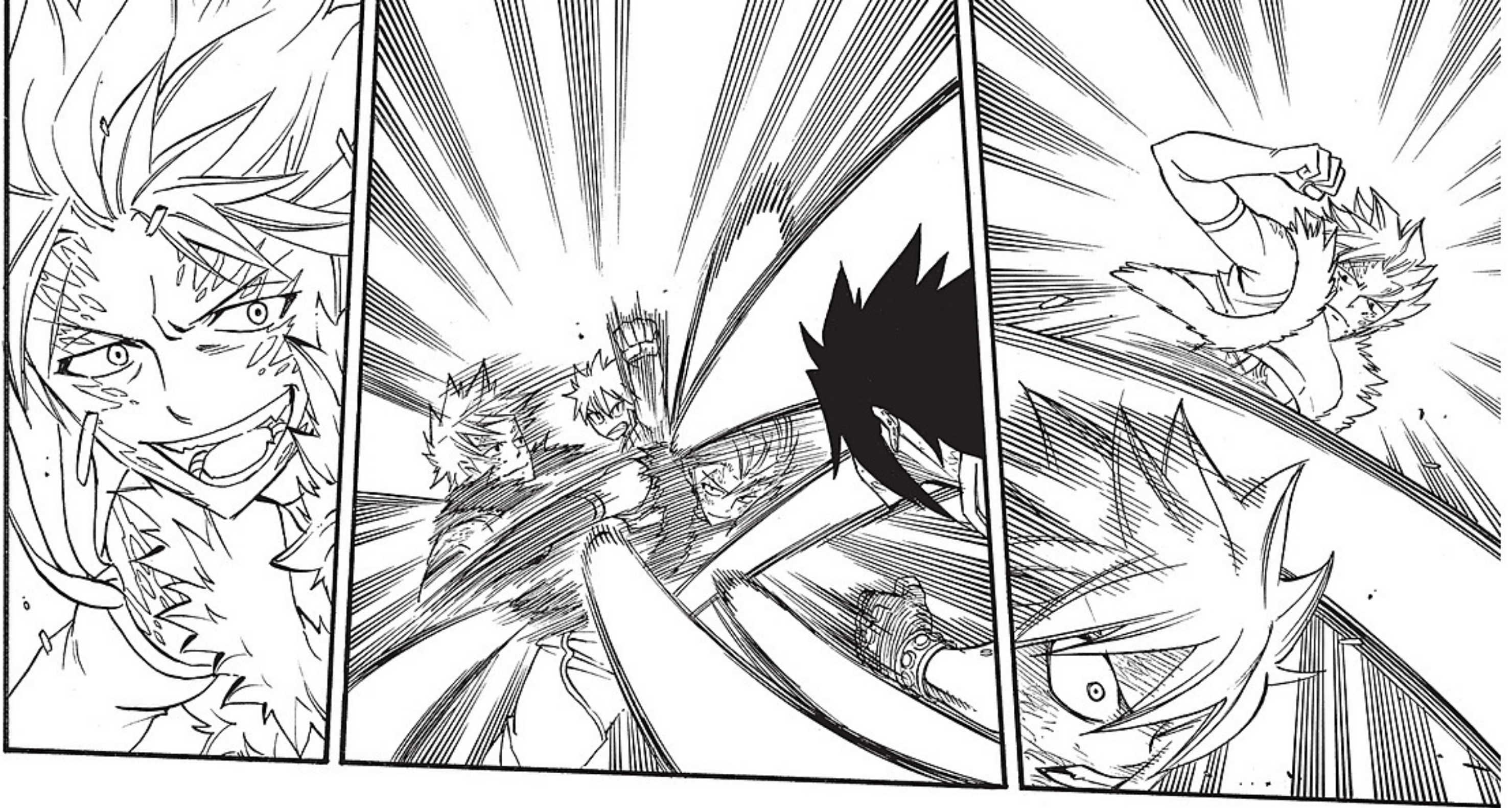






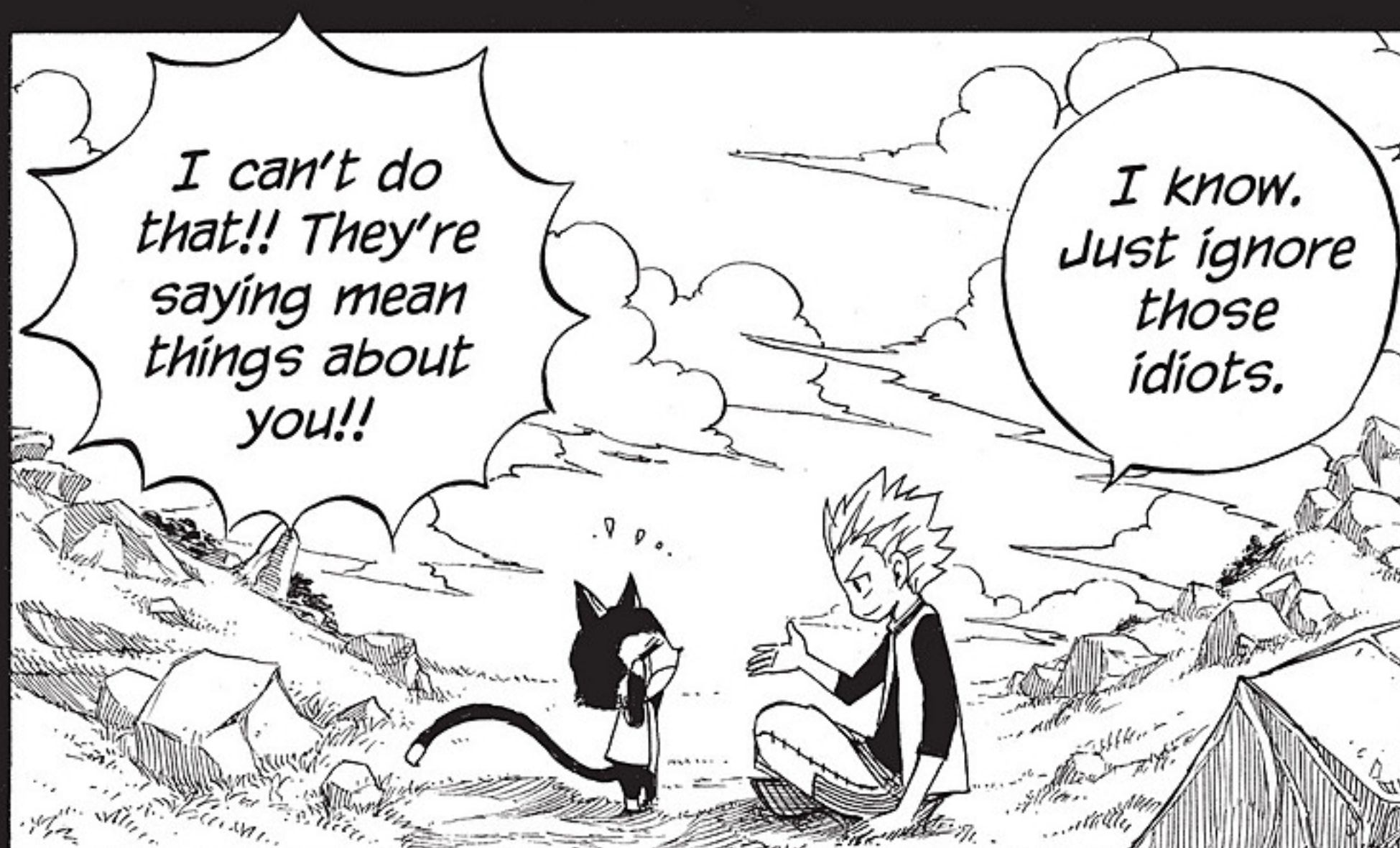
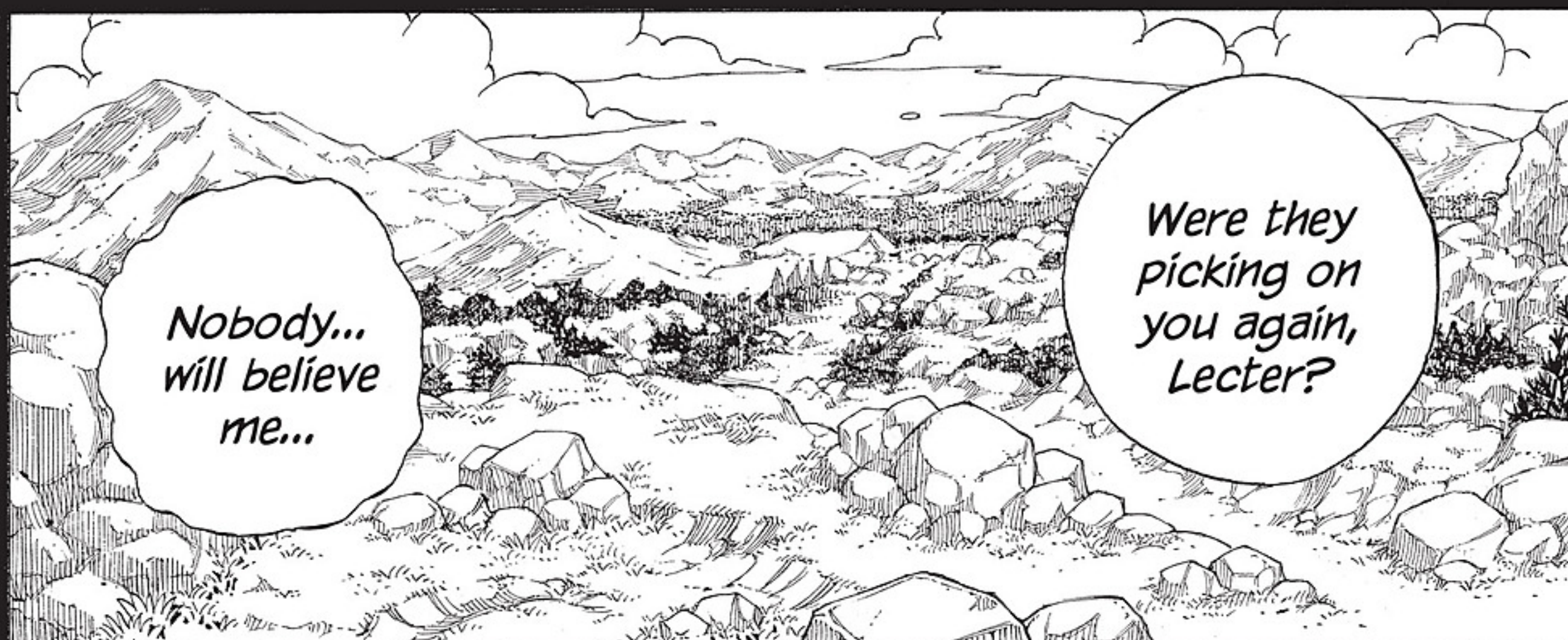
What happened to the can't-be-beat mood he had a few seconds ago?!

Can't Nat-su go fast enough to put up his guard?



Lecter...









There aren't
any dragons
left, but...

...there's
still that
guy called
Salamander,
right?



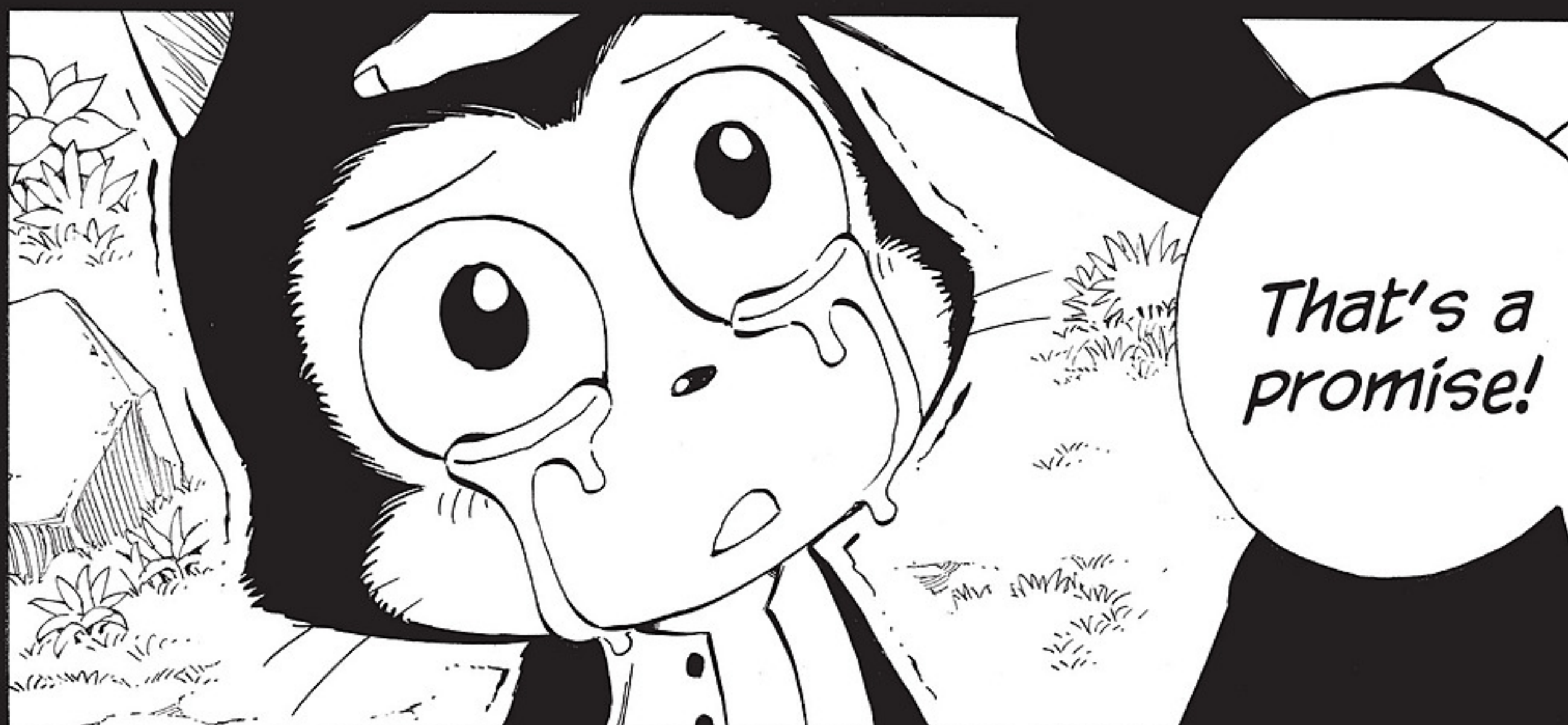
Huh?

Yeah, okay!
Then I'll make
sure everybody
knows you ain't
a liar!

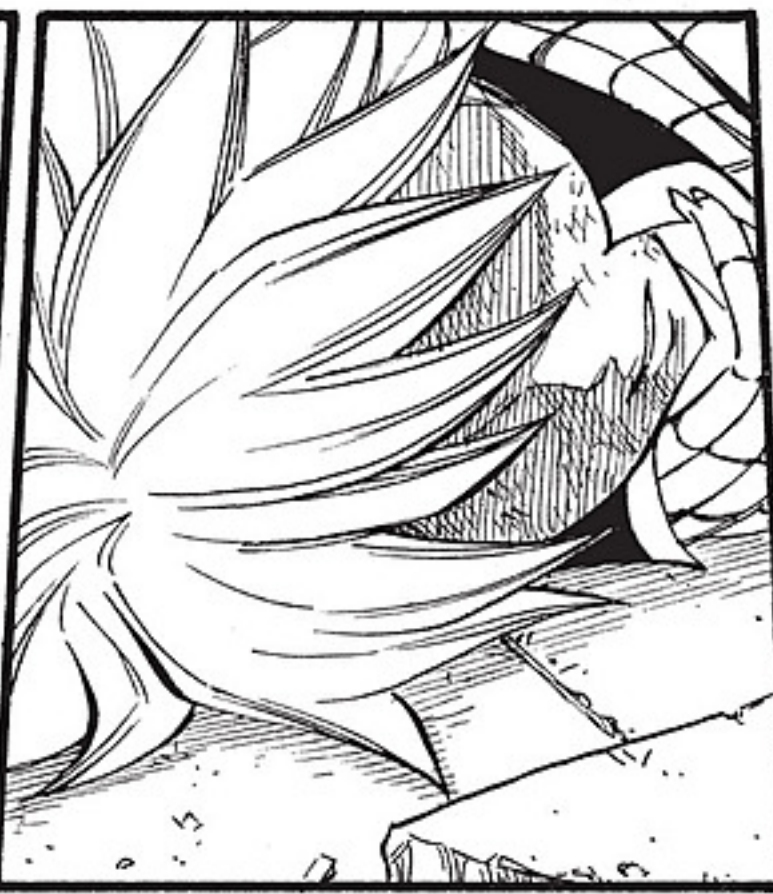
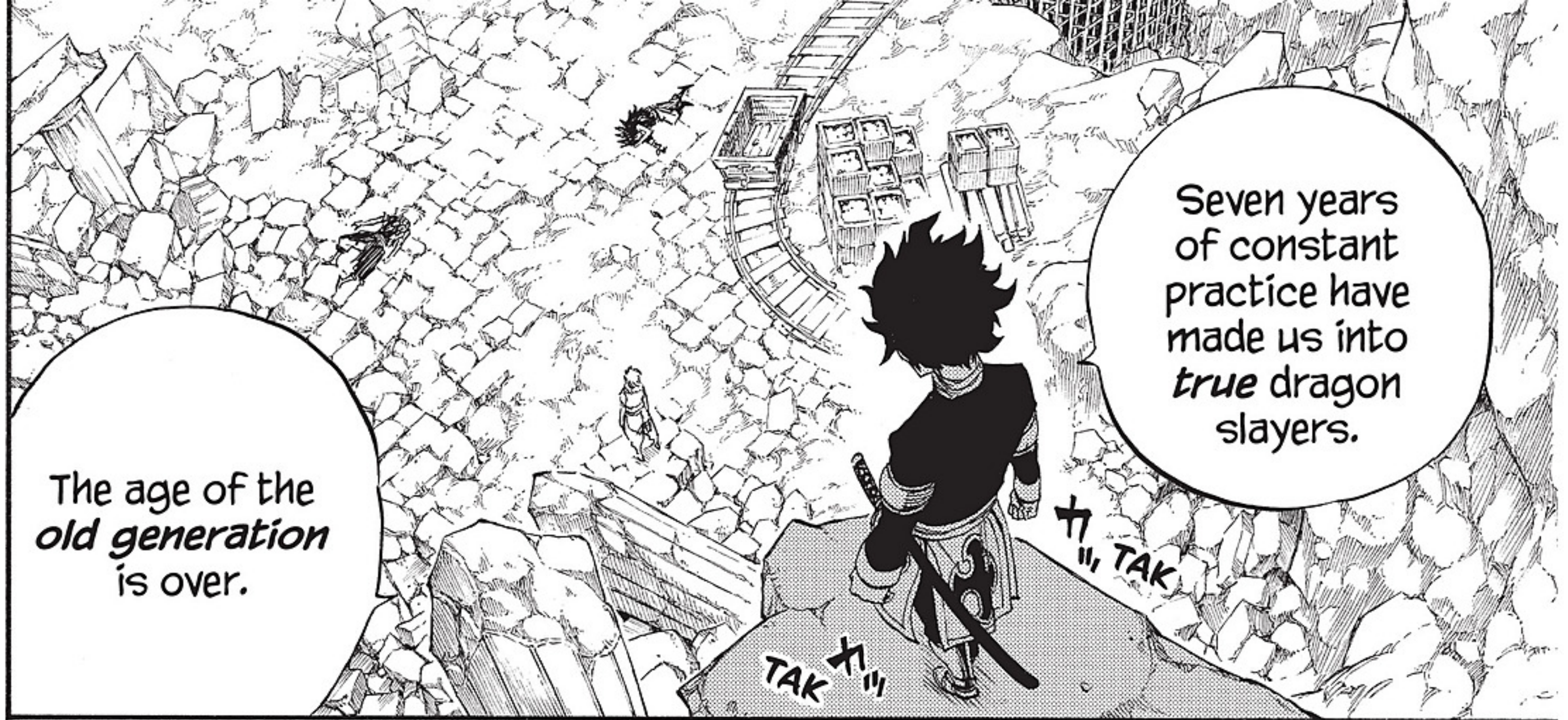


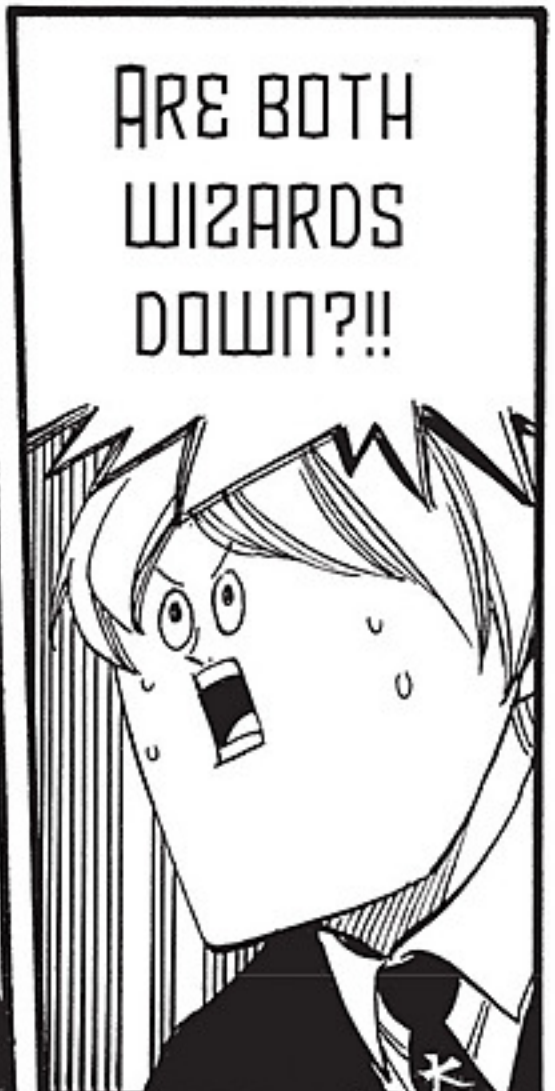
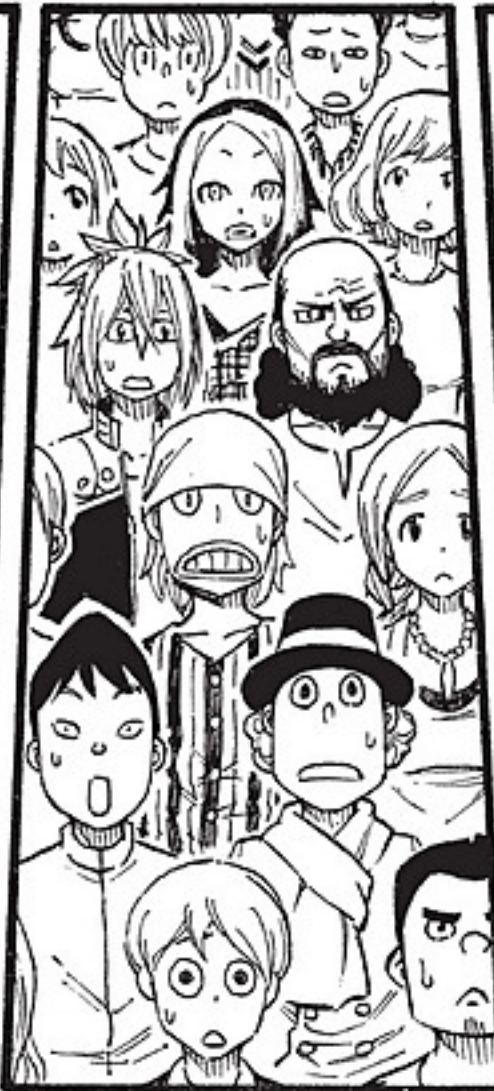
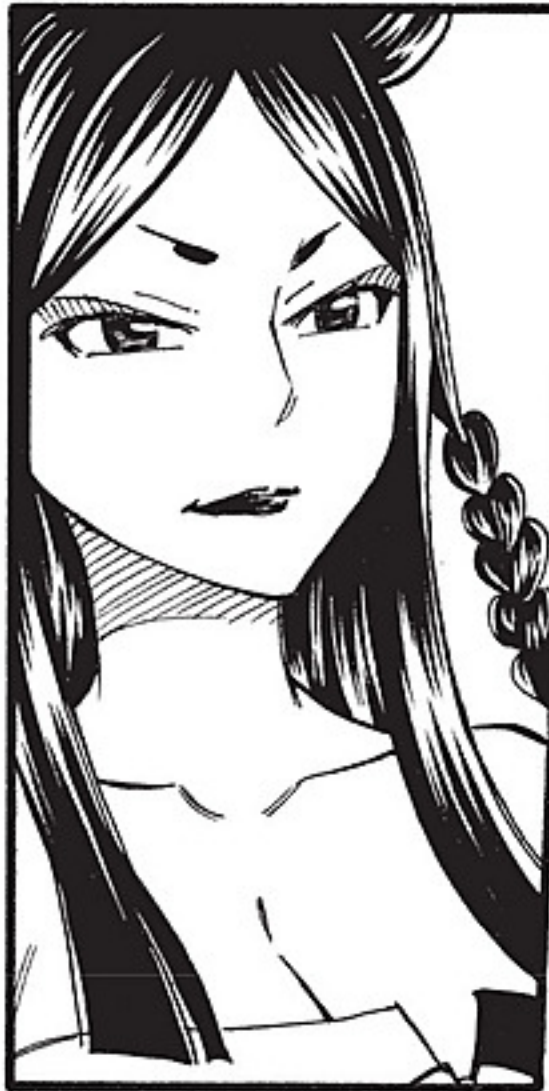
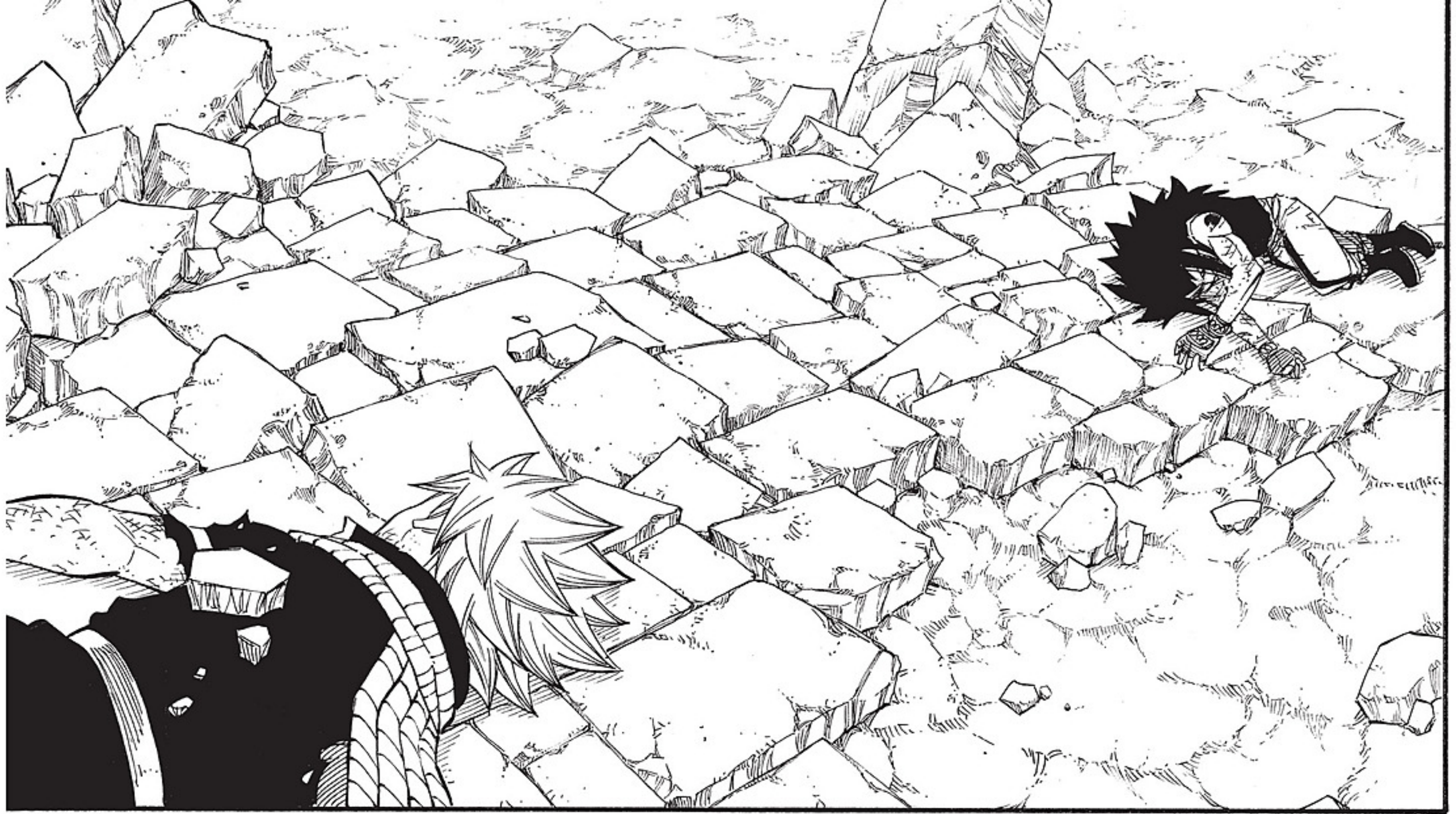
And I'll
do it when
everybody's
watching.

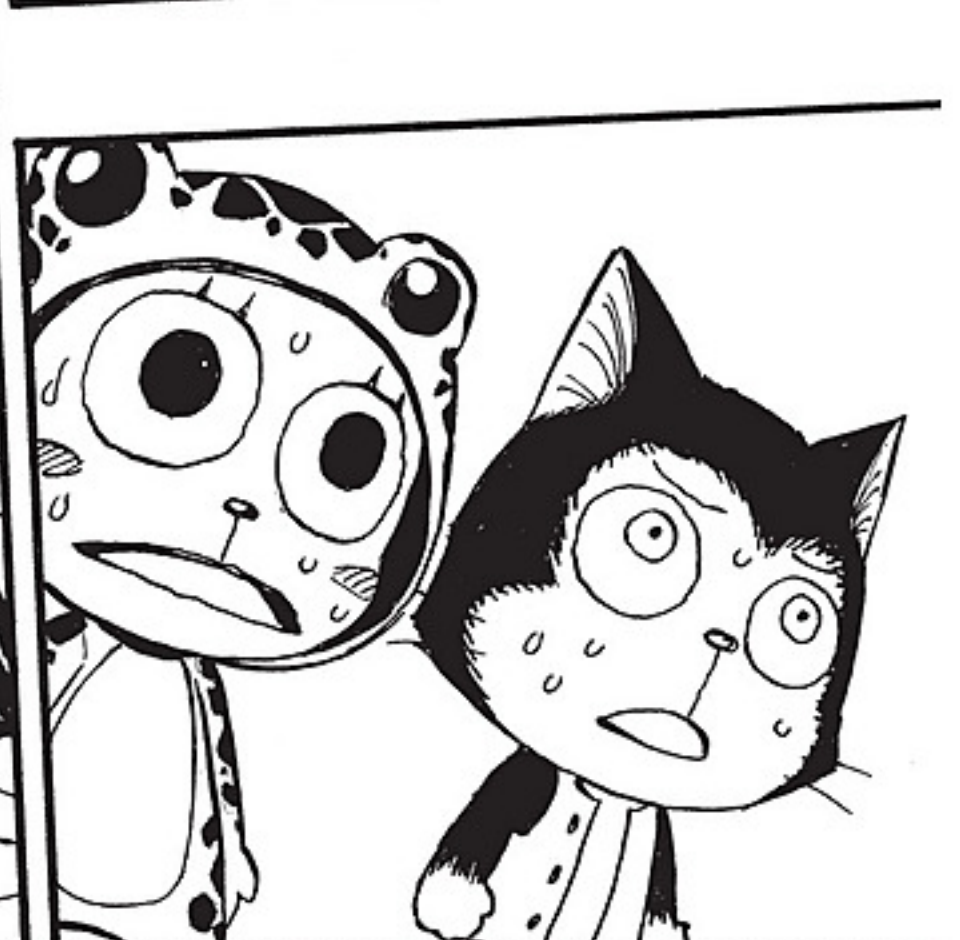
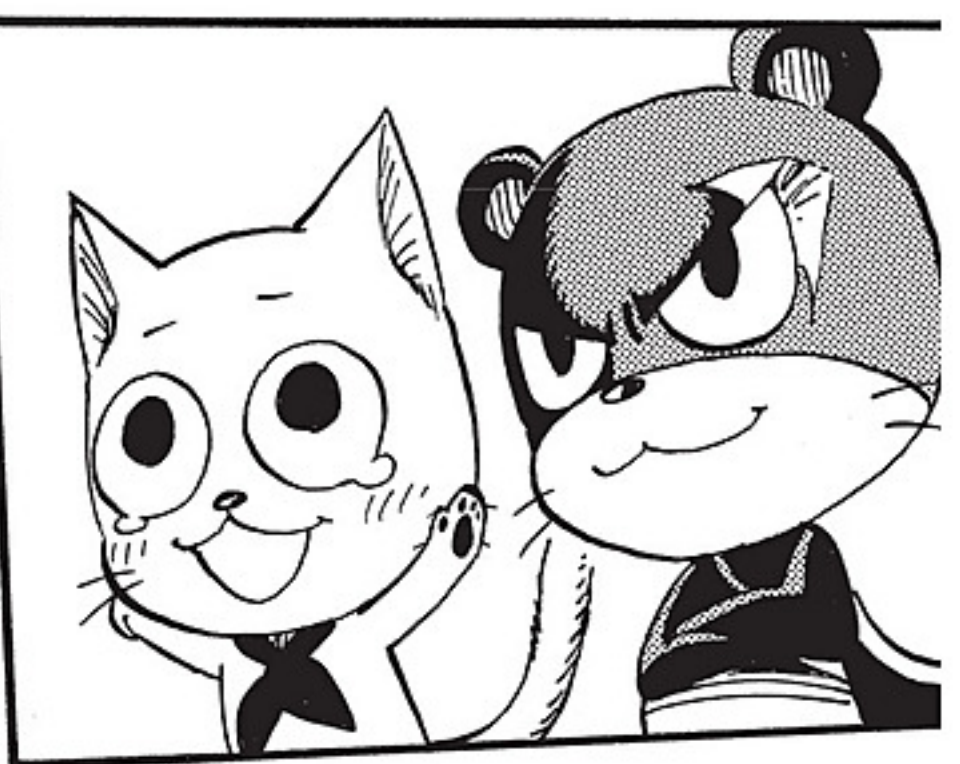
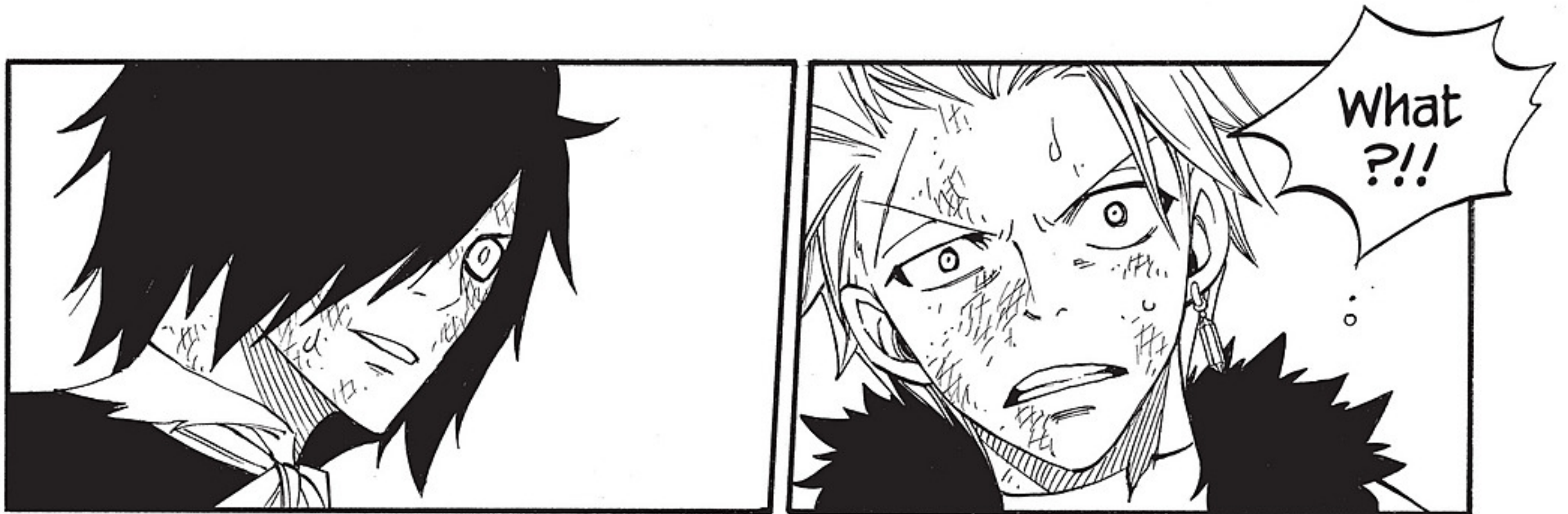
I'll take
him down.

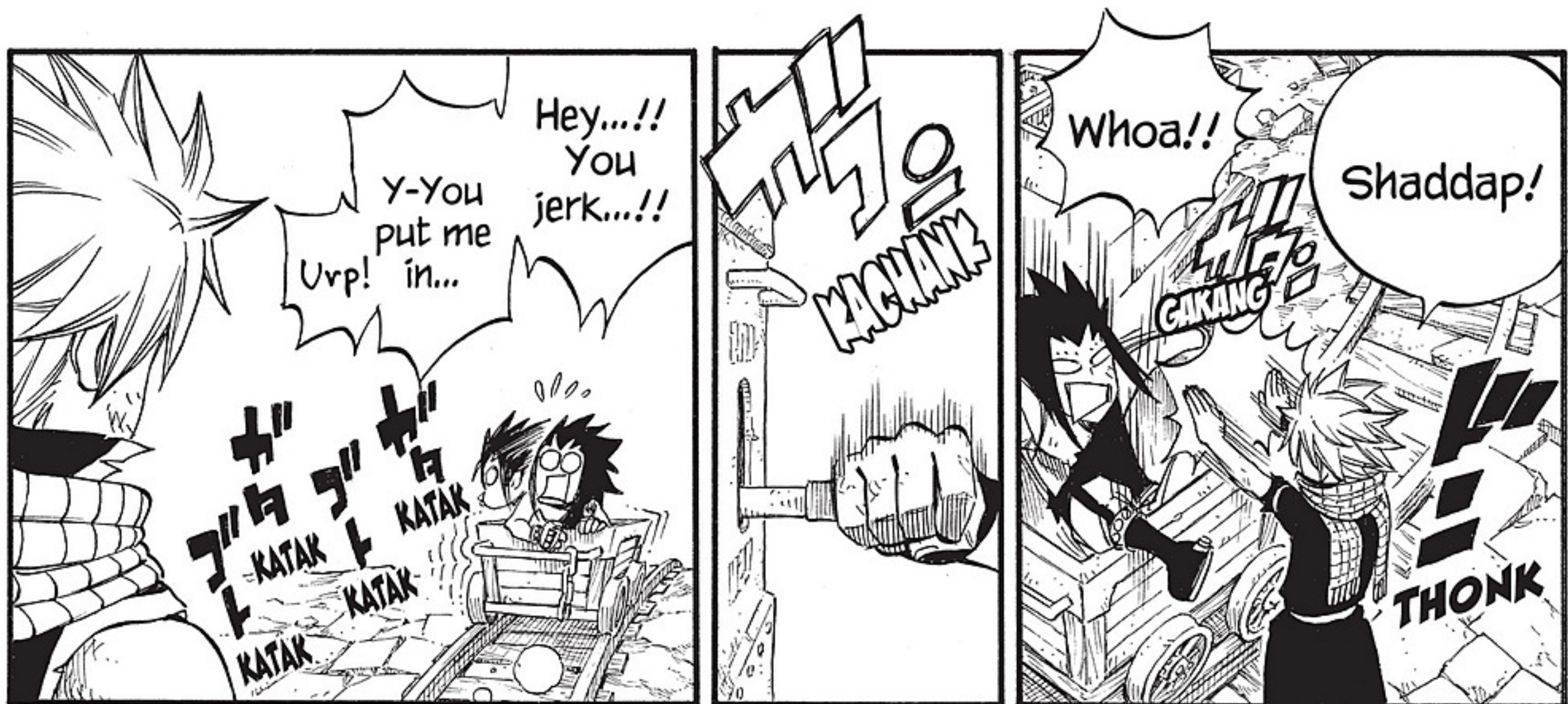
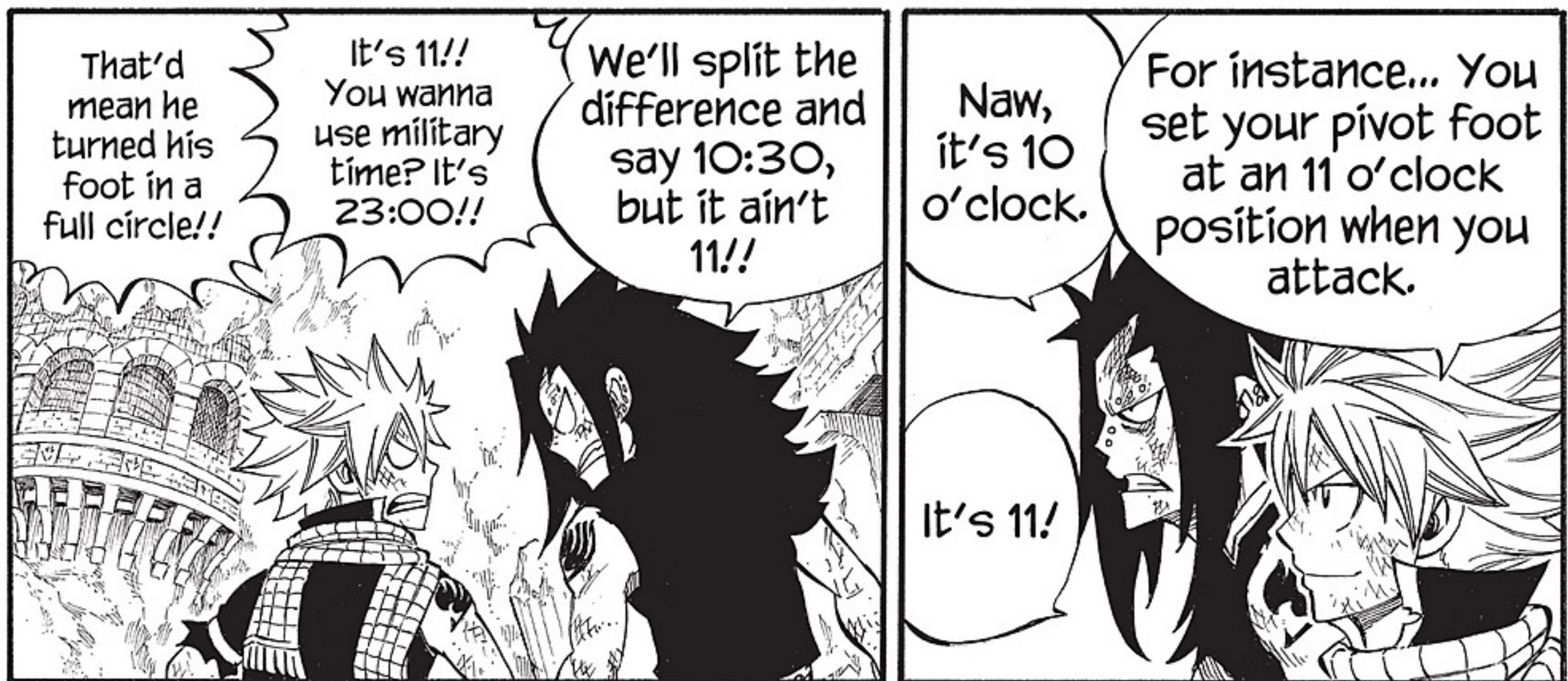


That's a
promise!





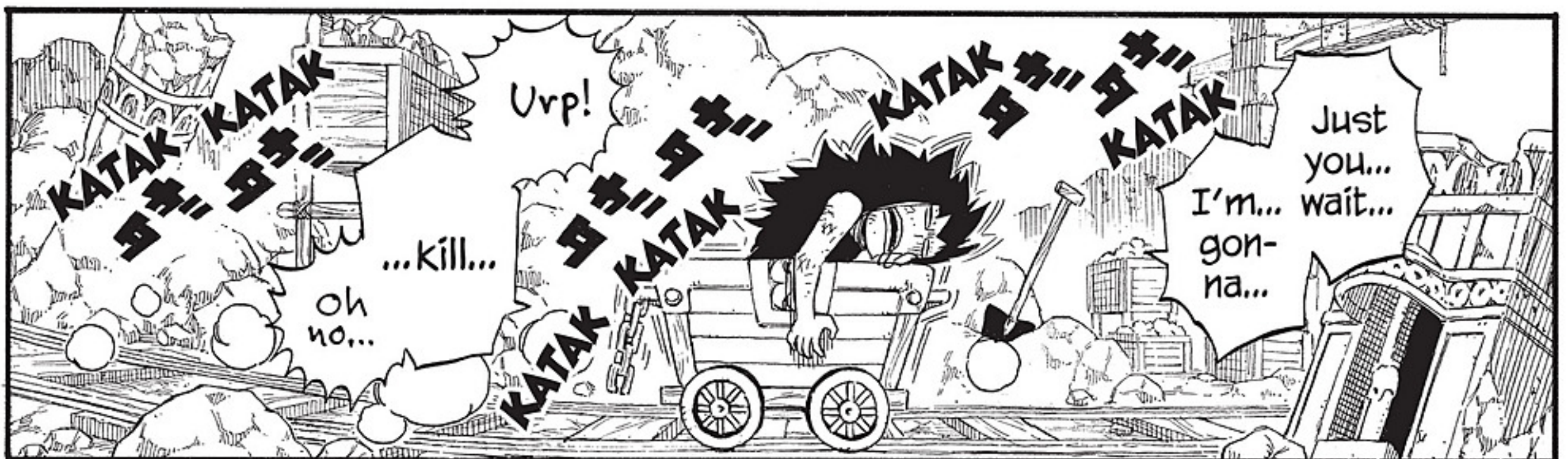
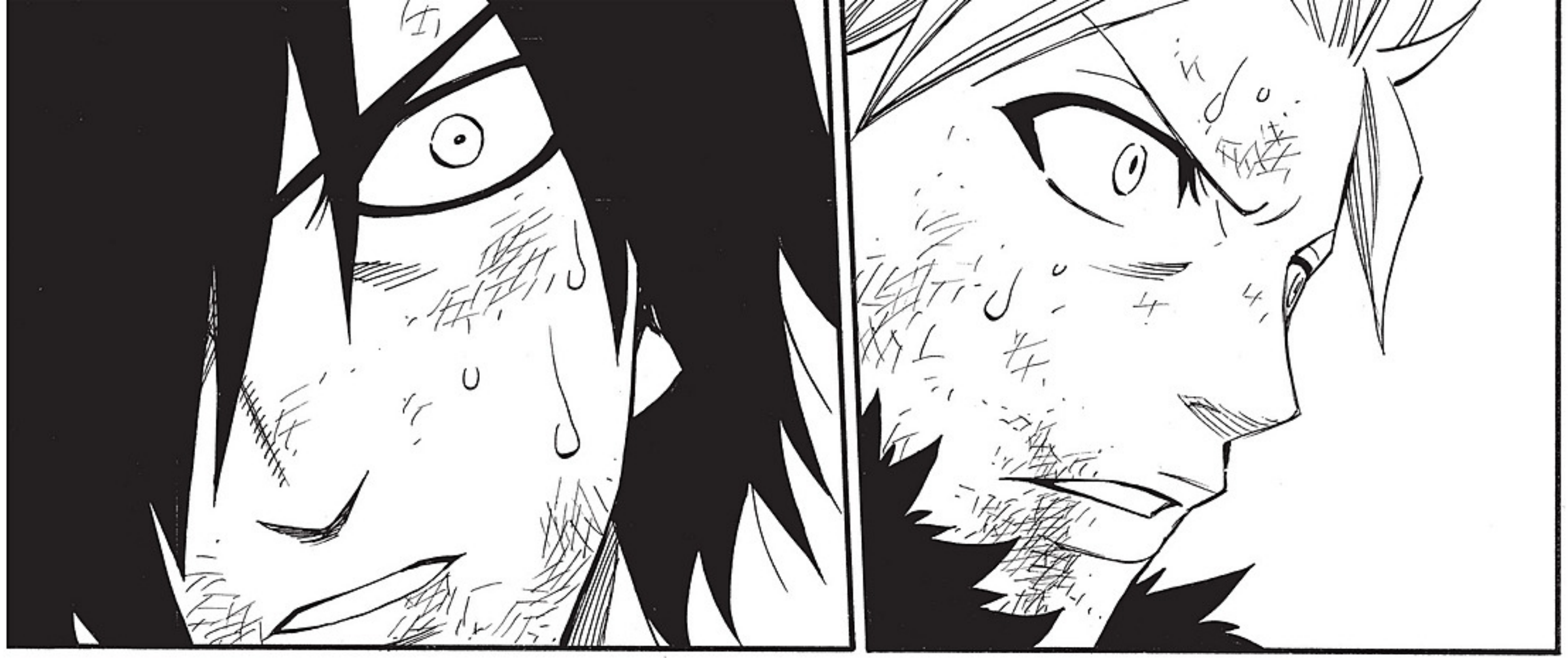






**Just
me alone
will be
plenty
!!!!**

**Come at
me, both
of you at
once!!!!**





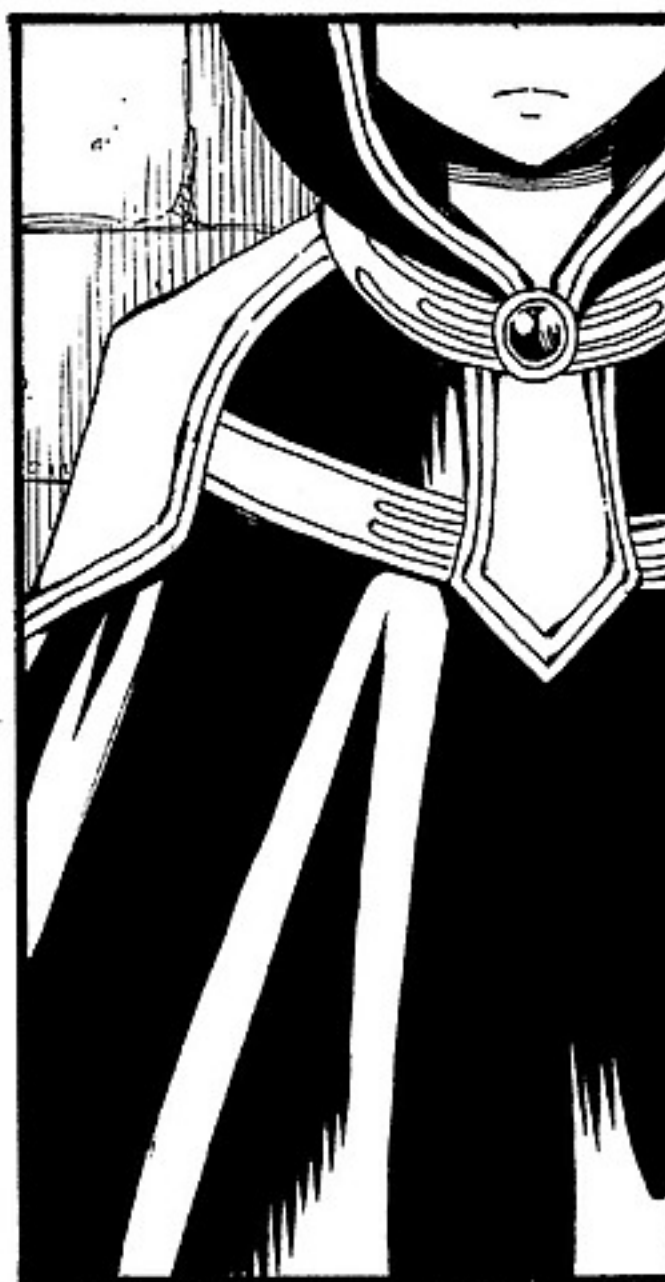
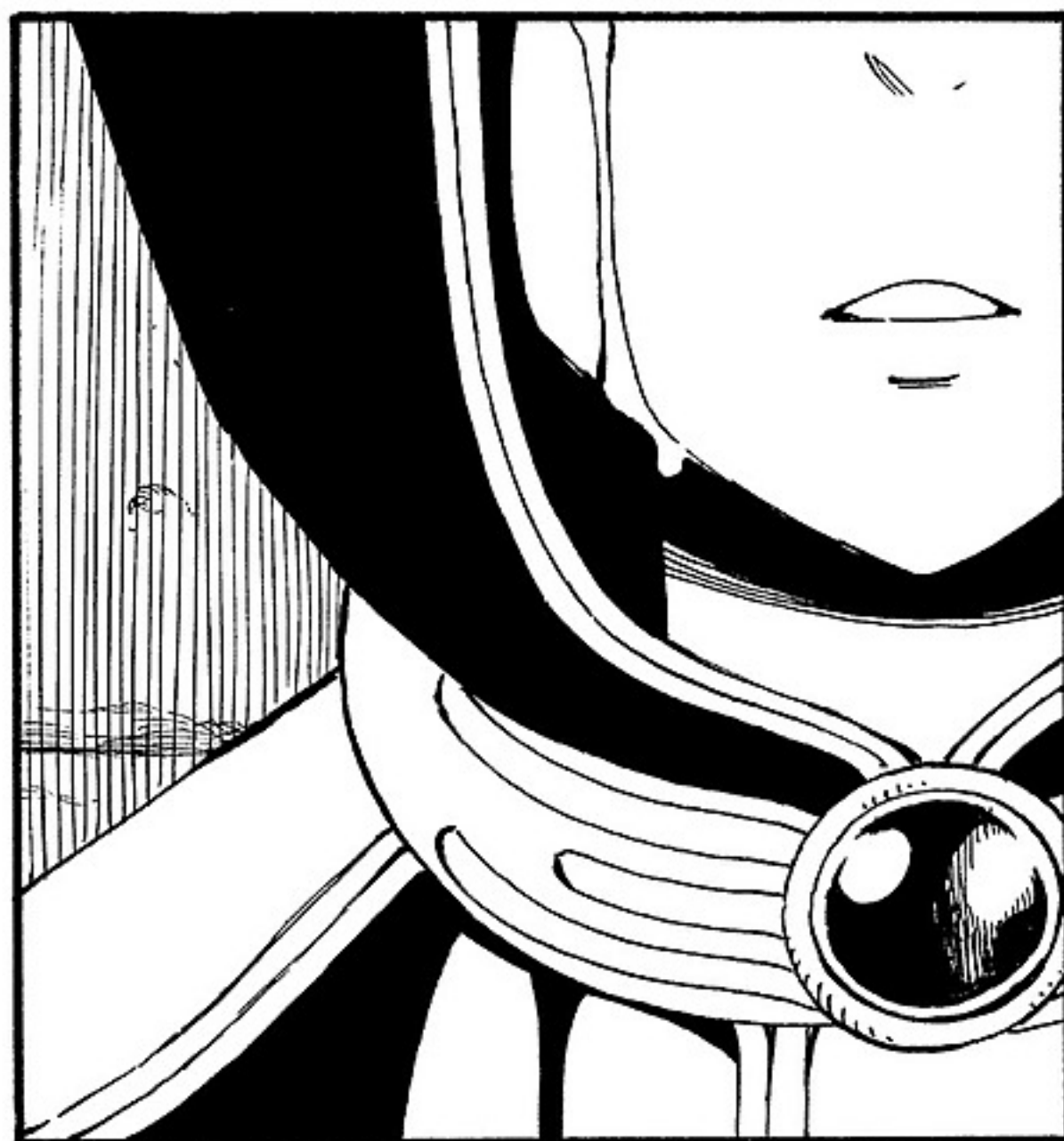
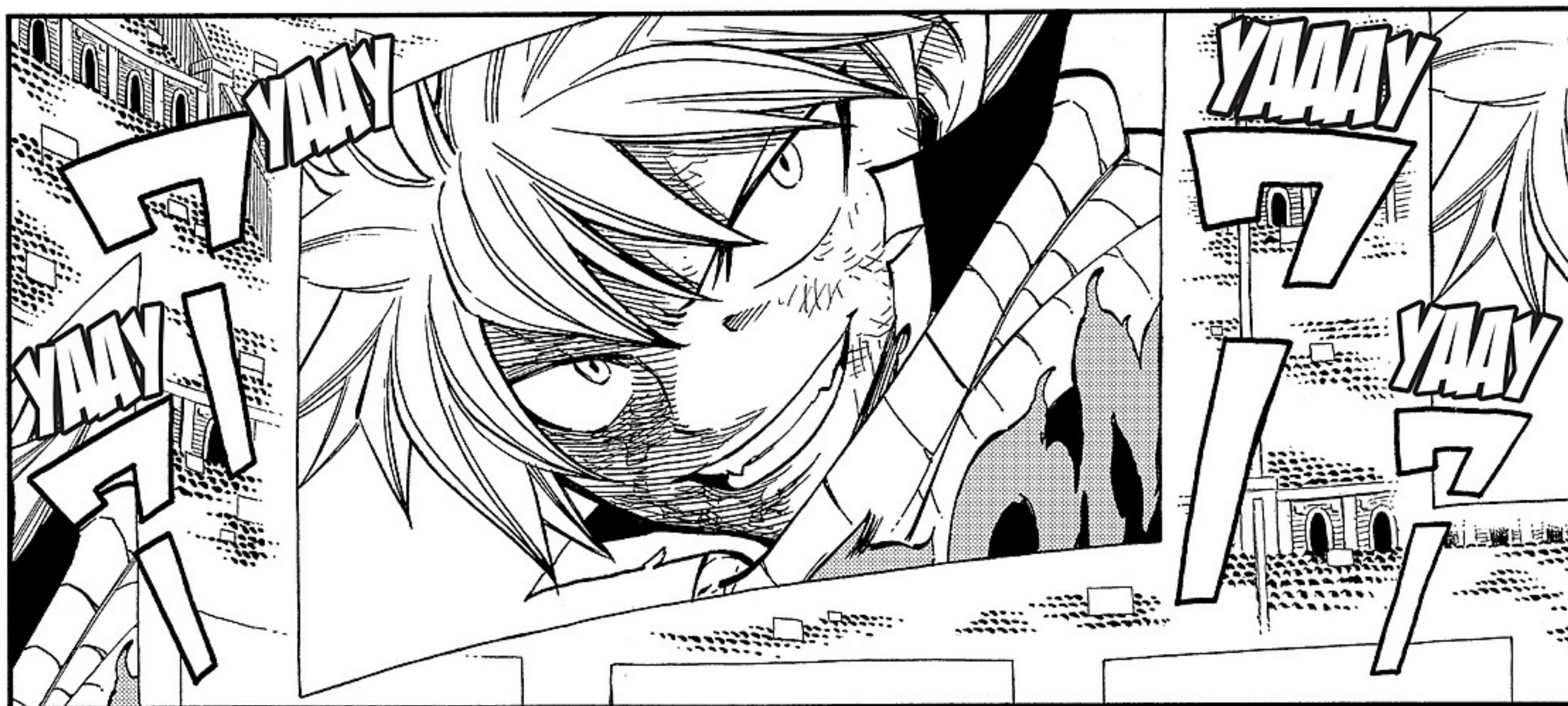
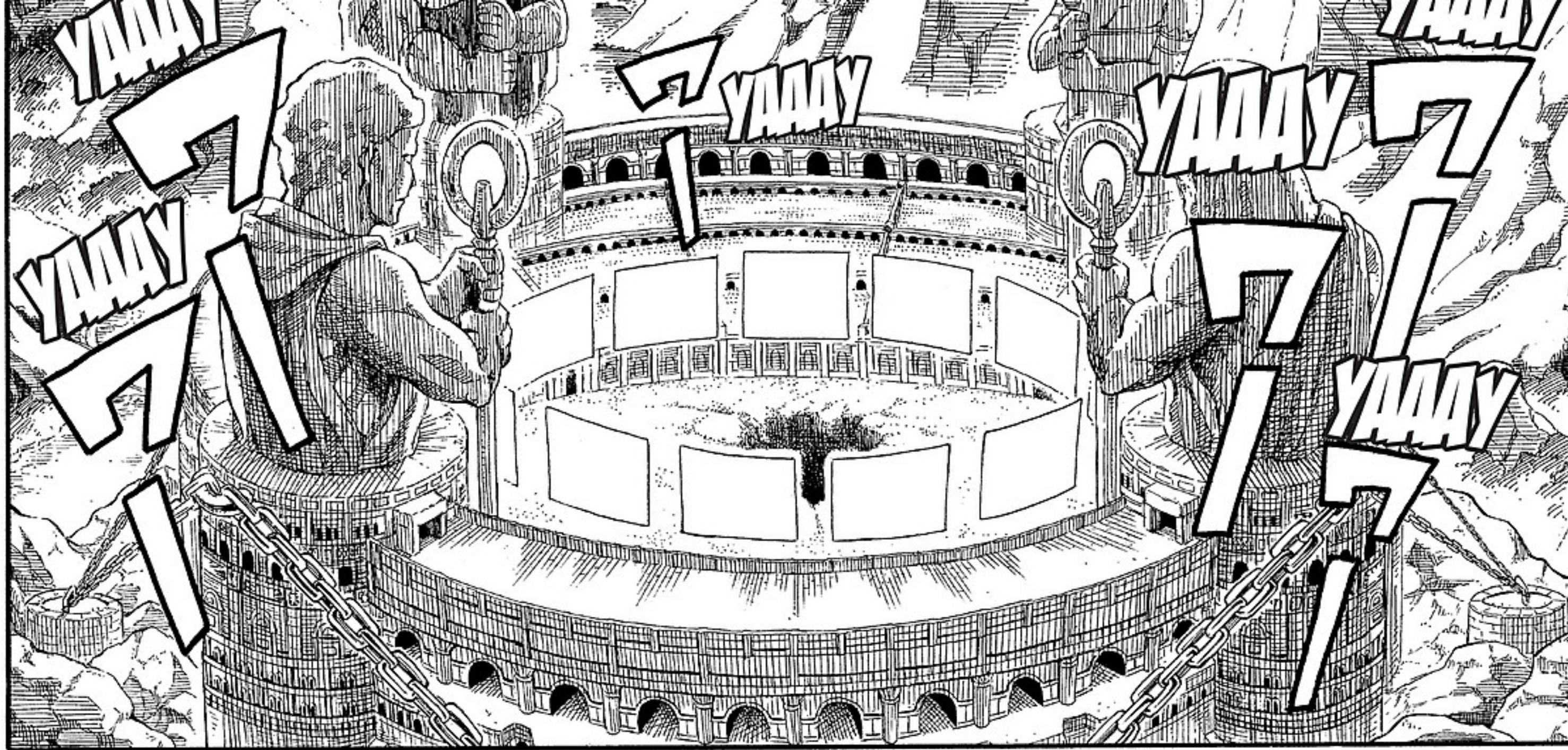
 FAIRYTAIL

FAIRY TAIL

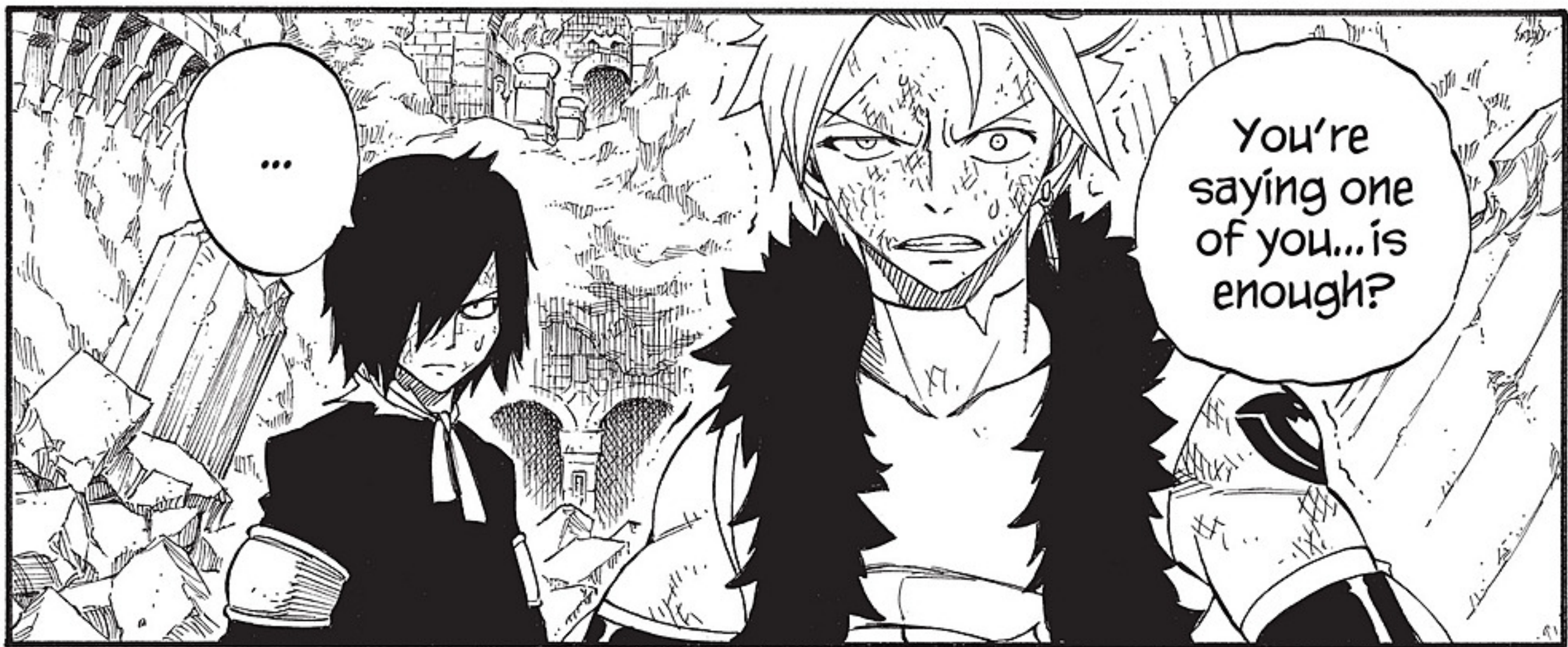
フェアリーテイル

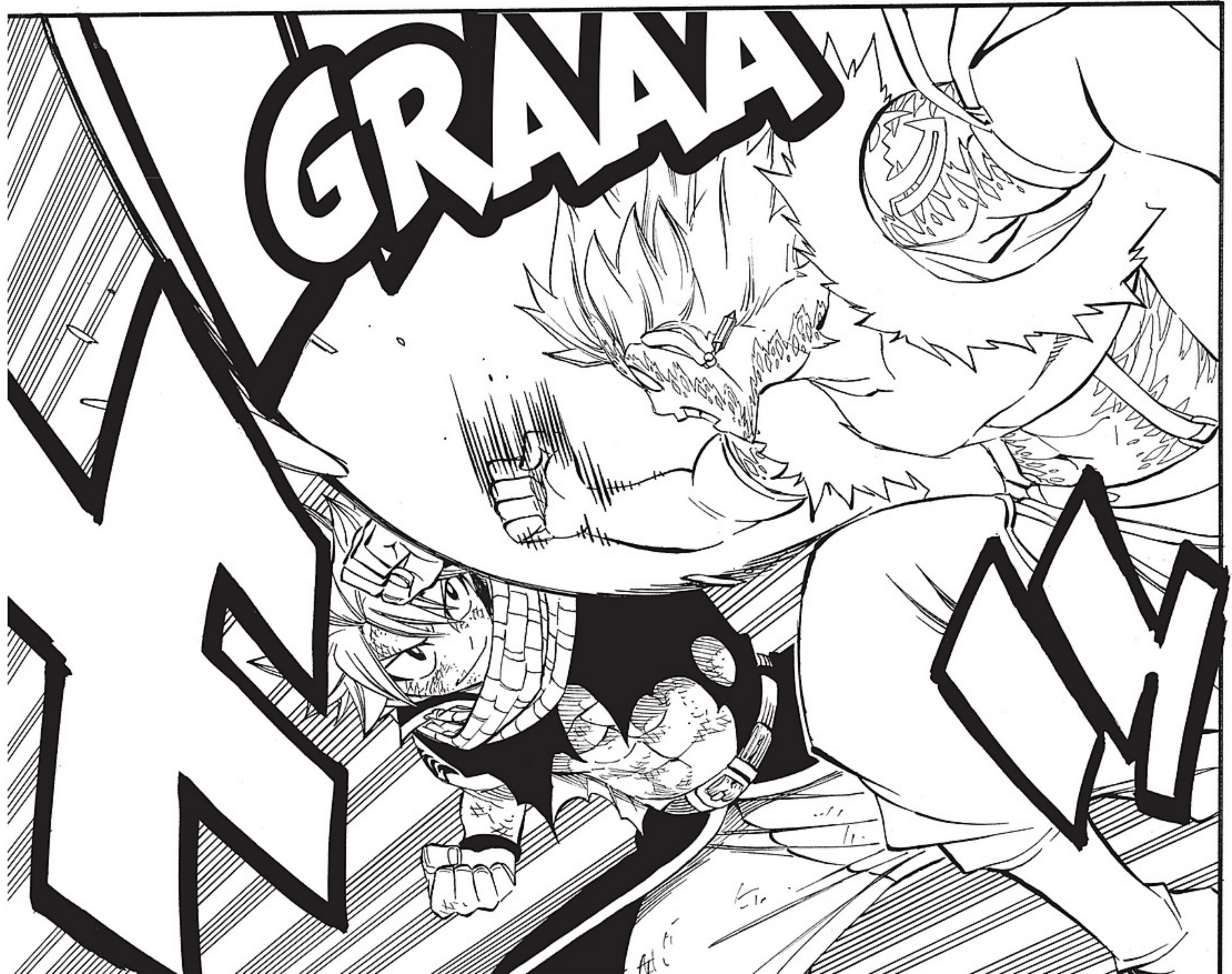


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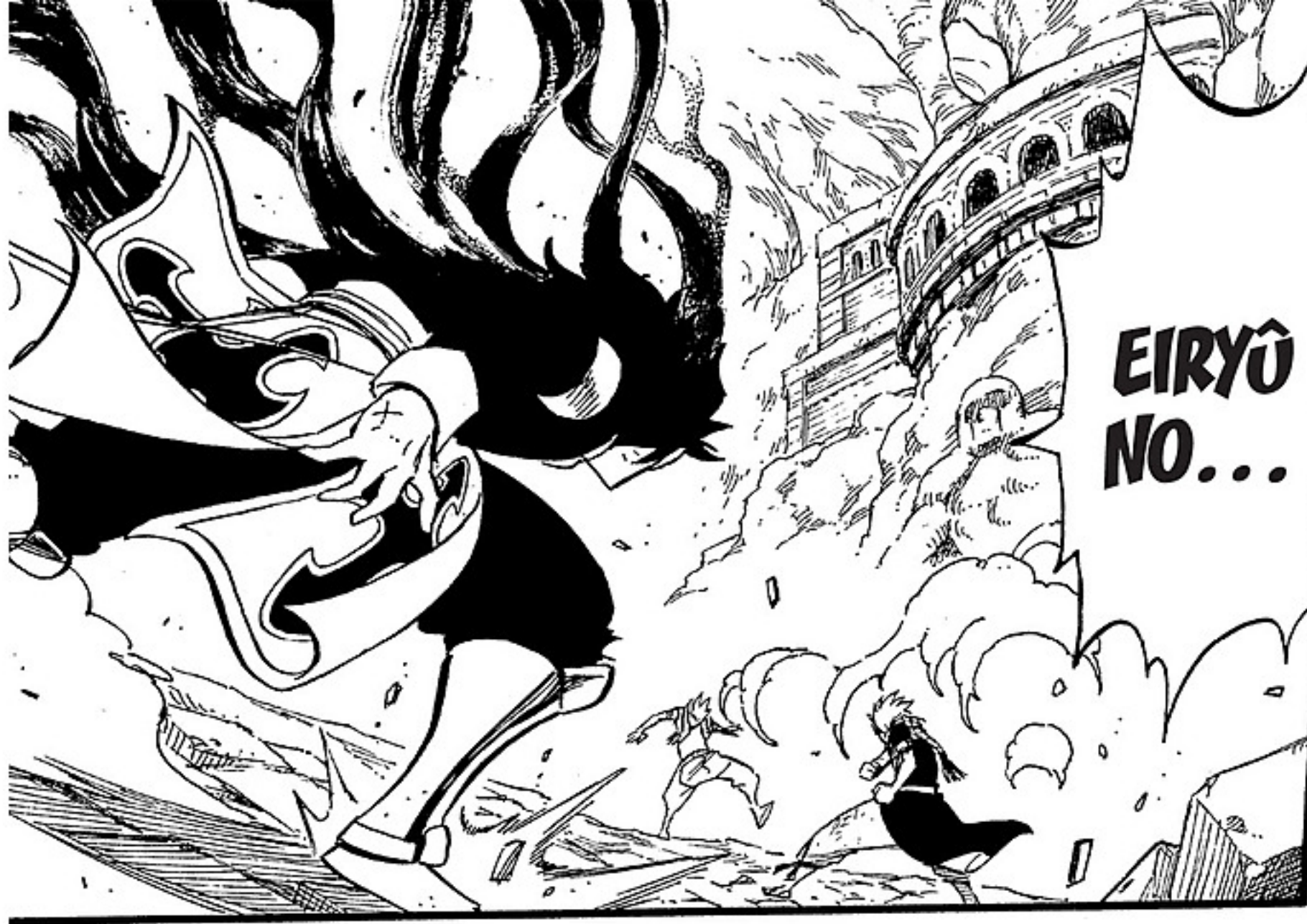












EIRYŪ
NO...



HôKô*
!!!!

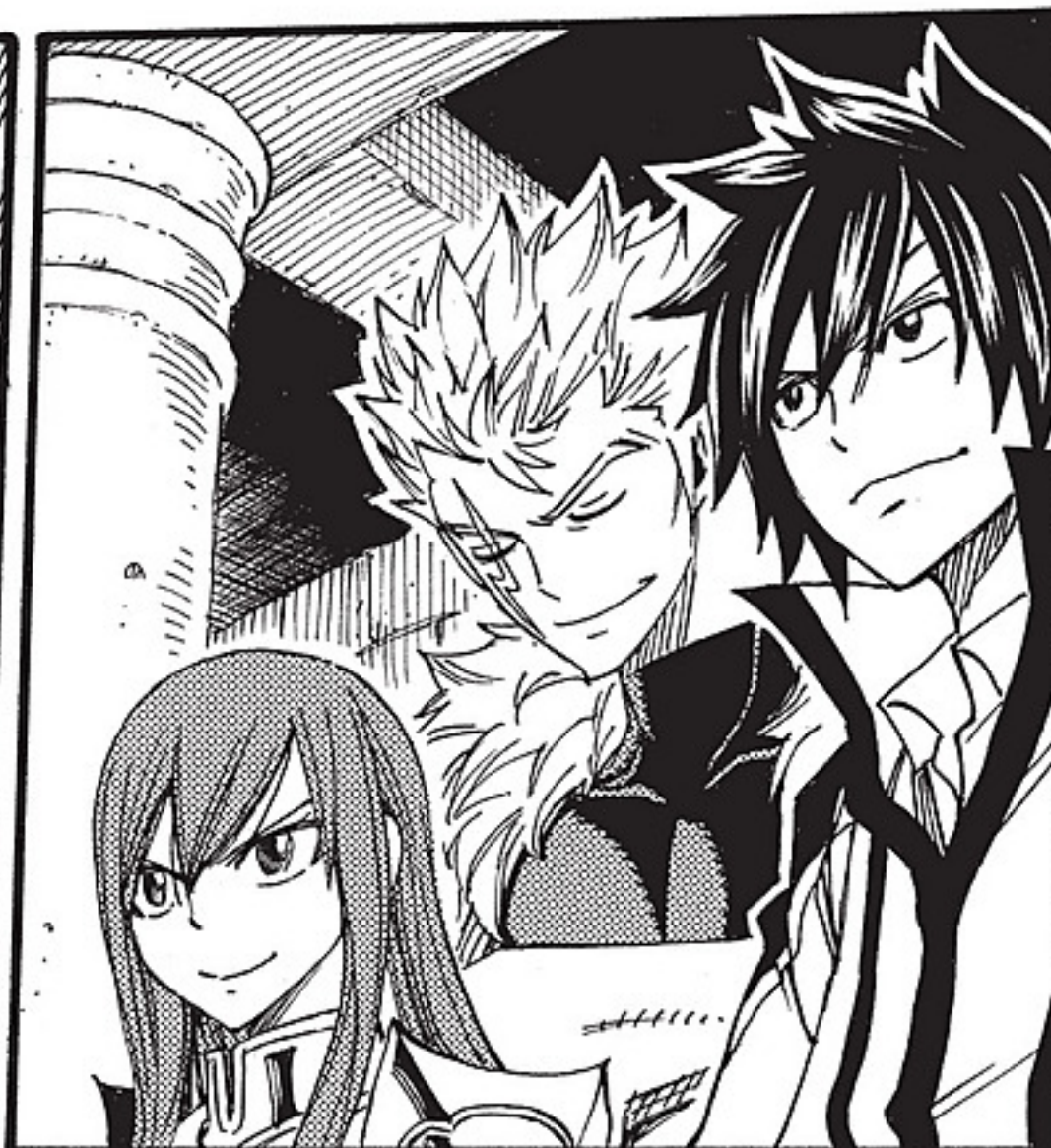
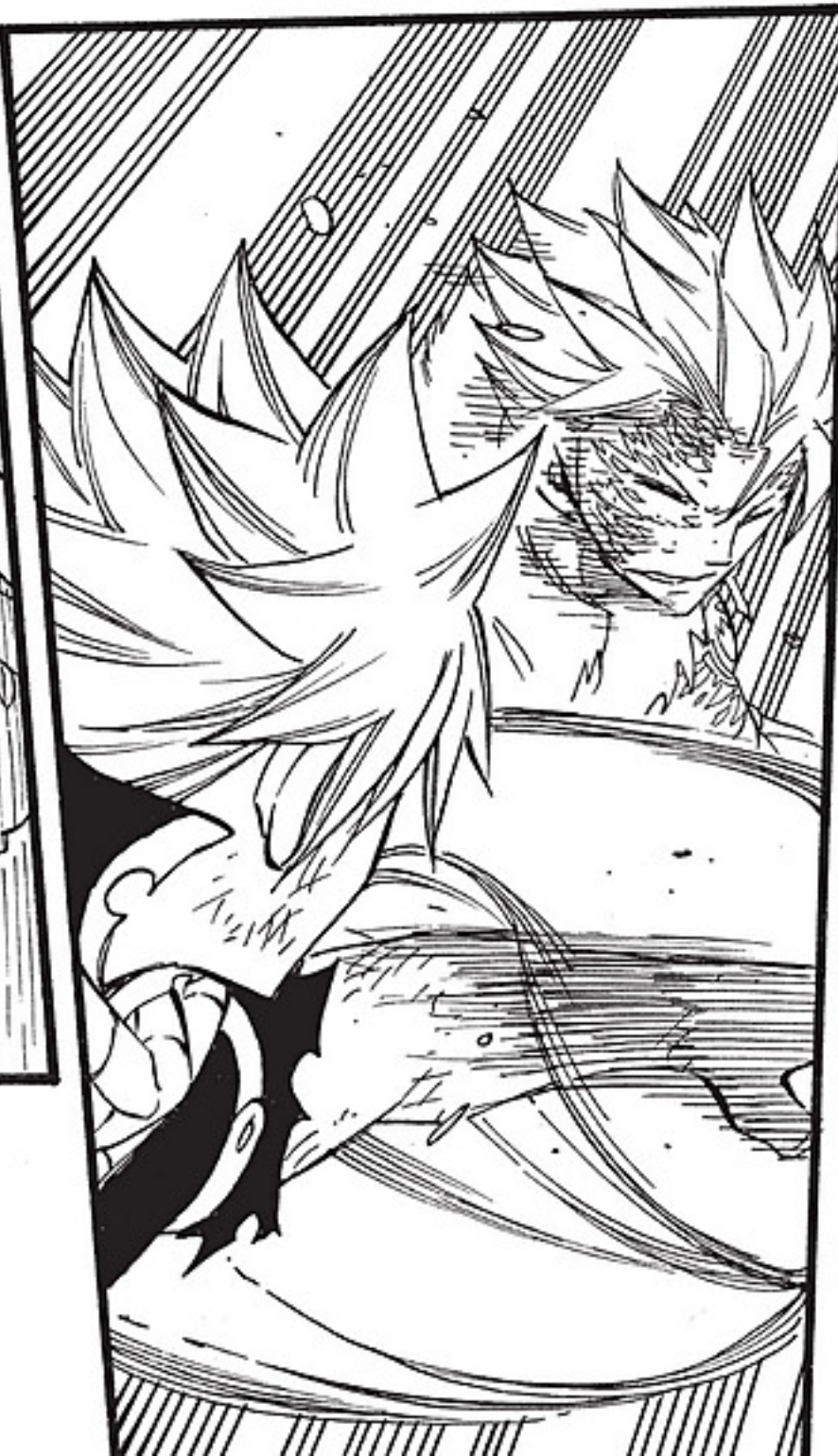
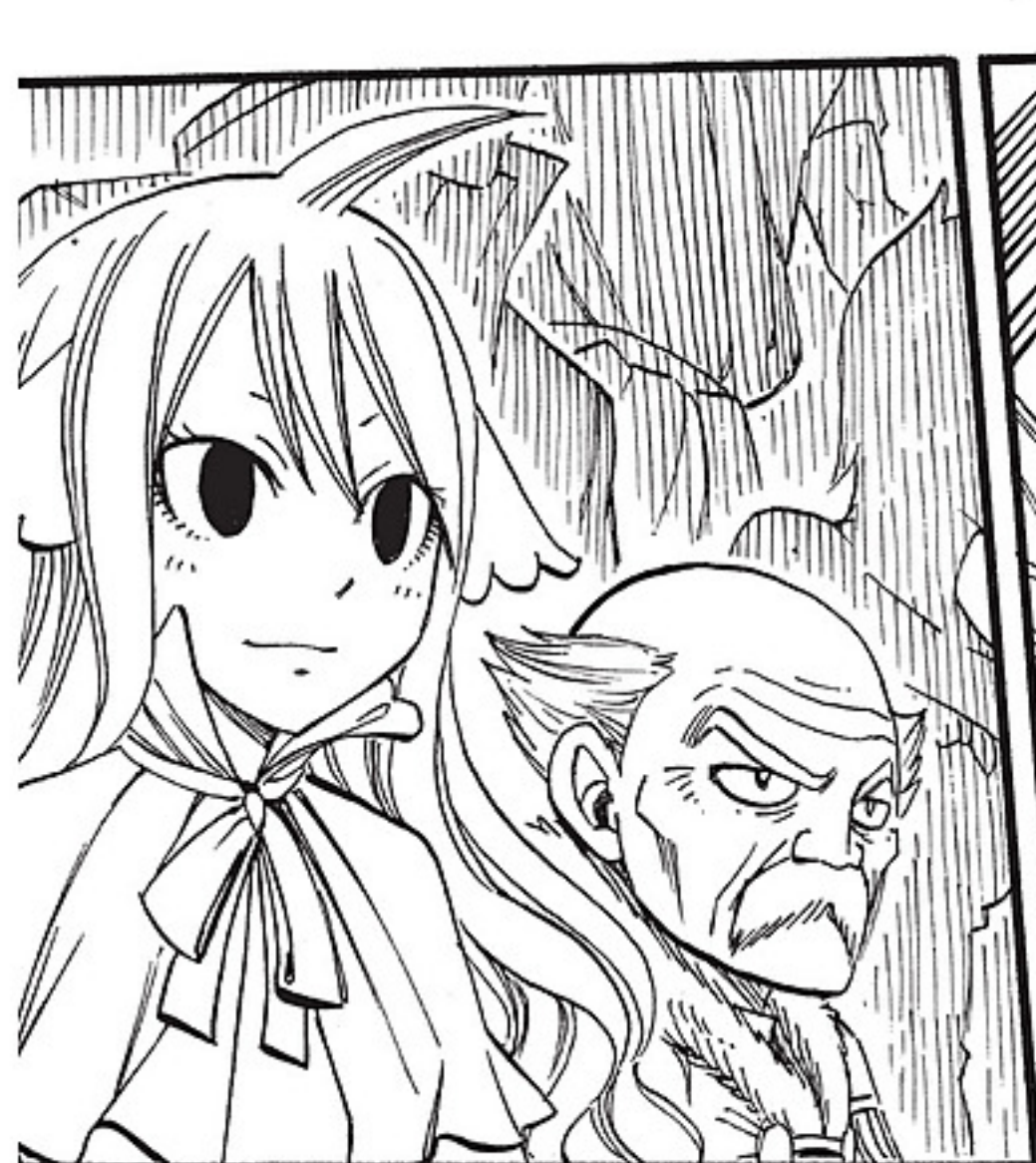
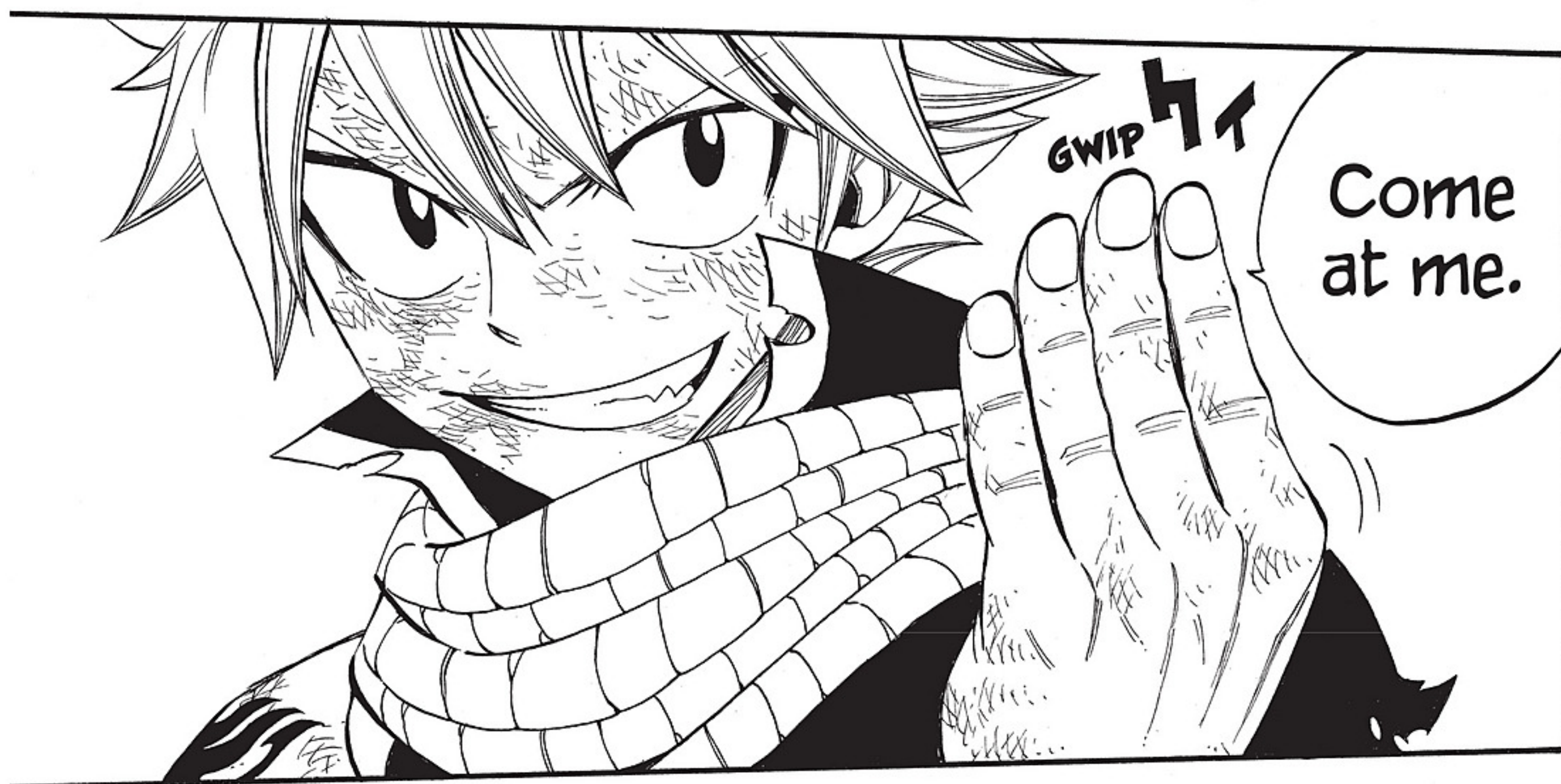
*Fire Dragon's Roar

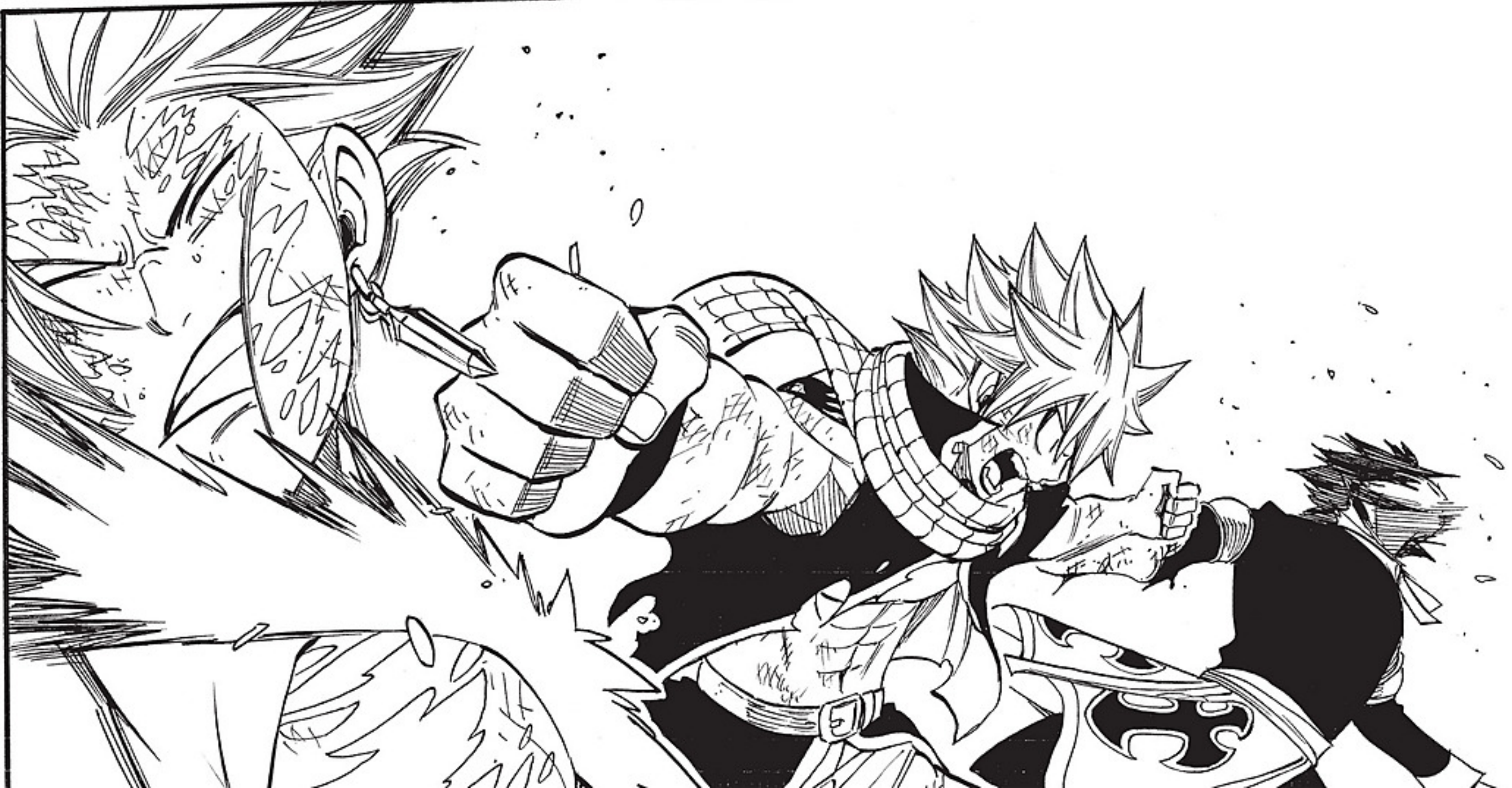
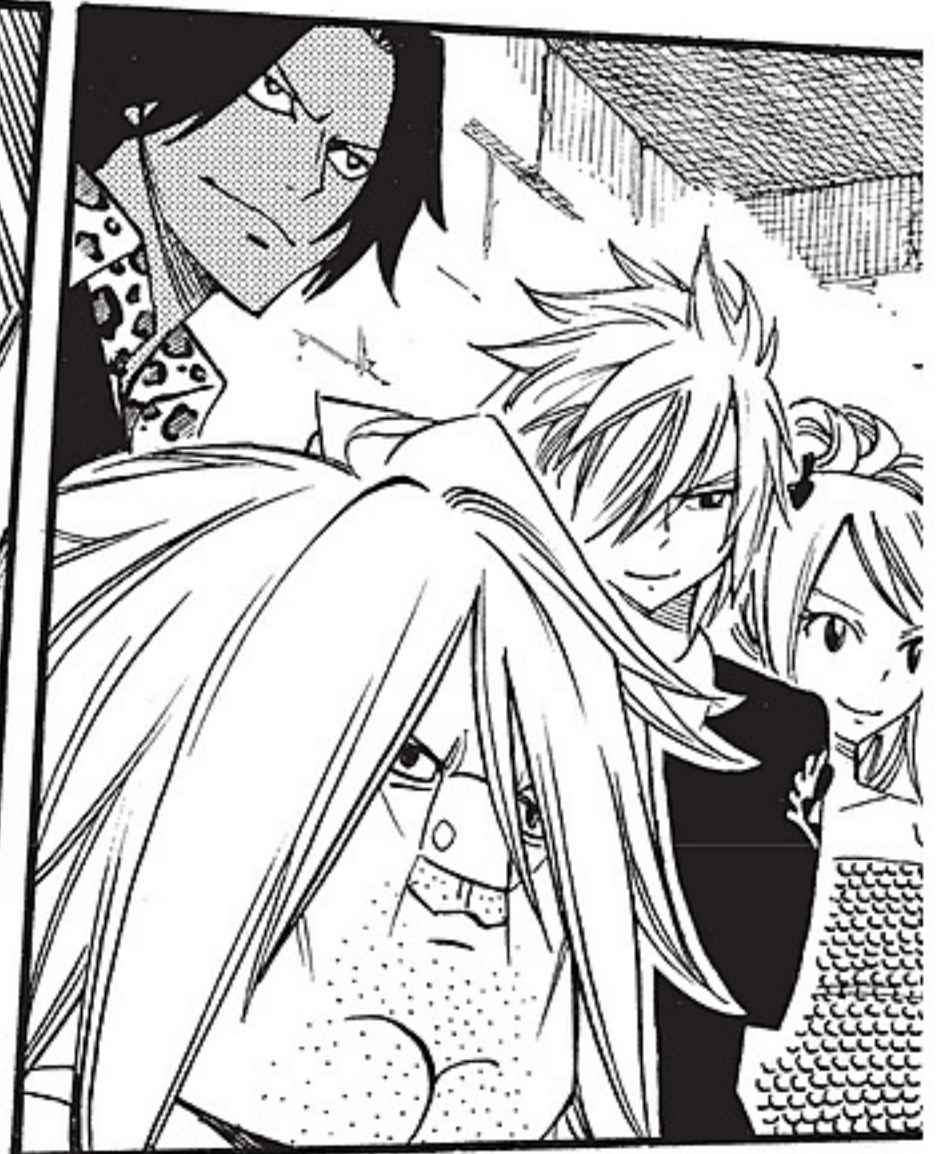
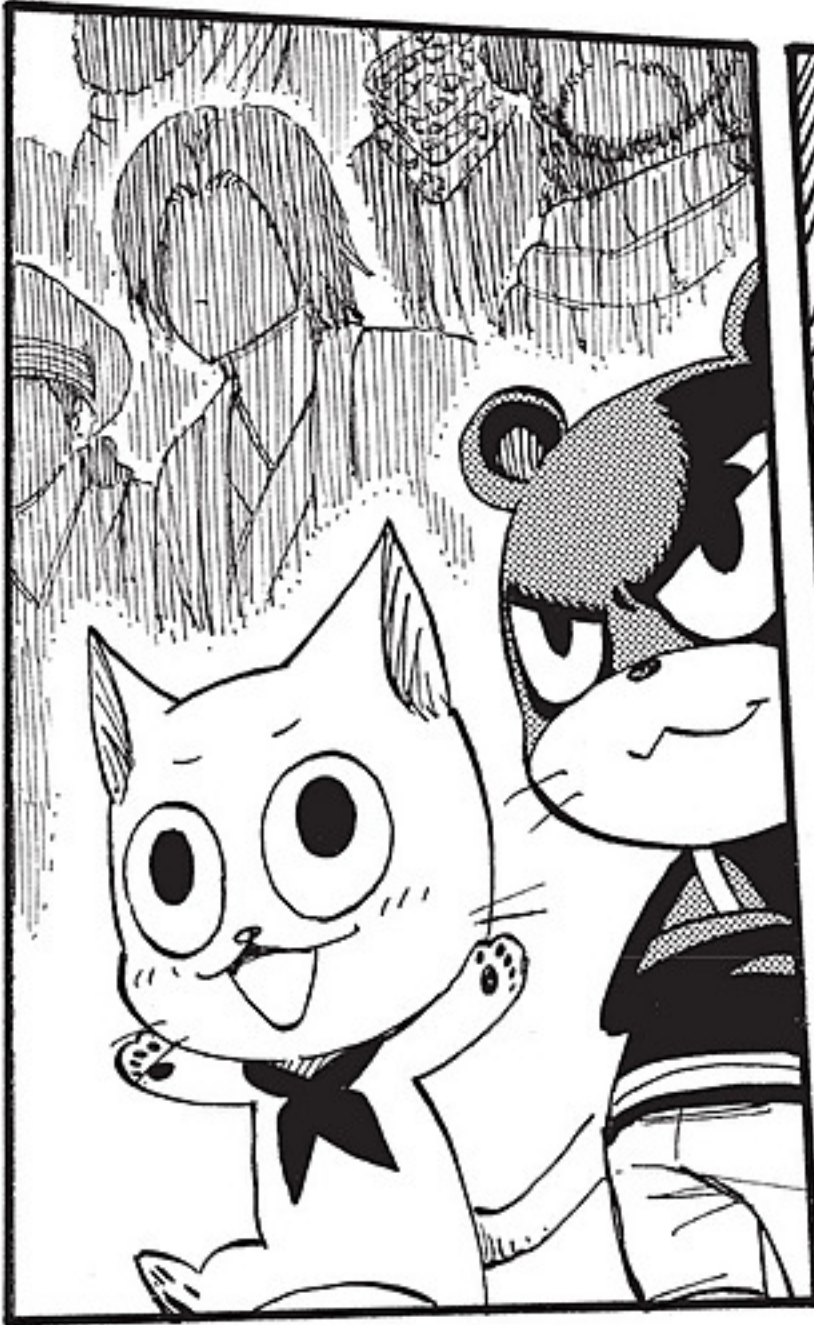
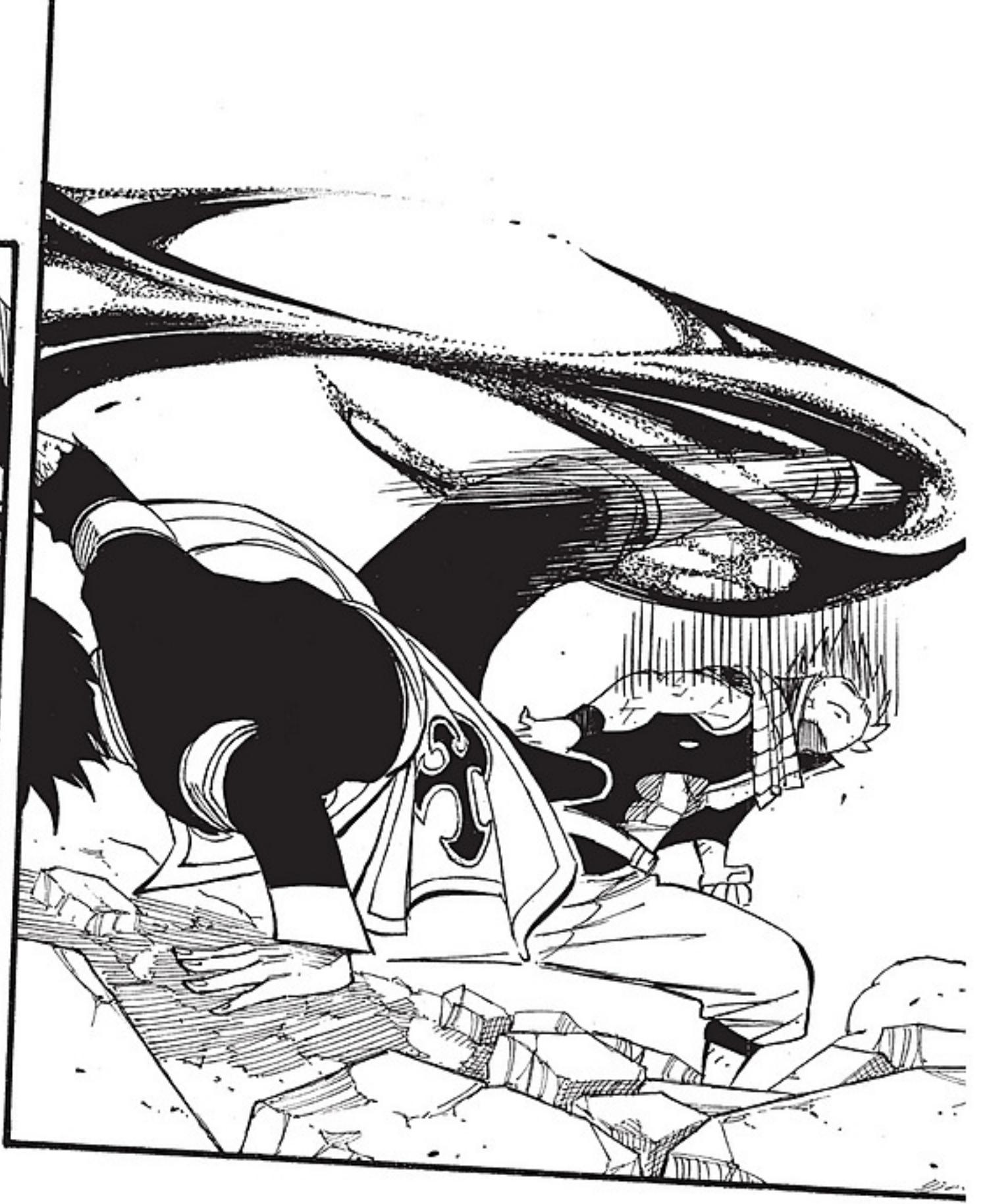
*Shadow Dragon's Roar

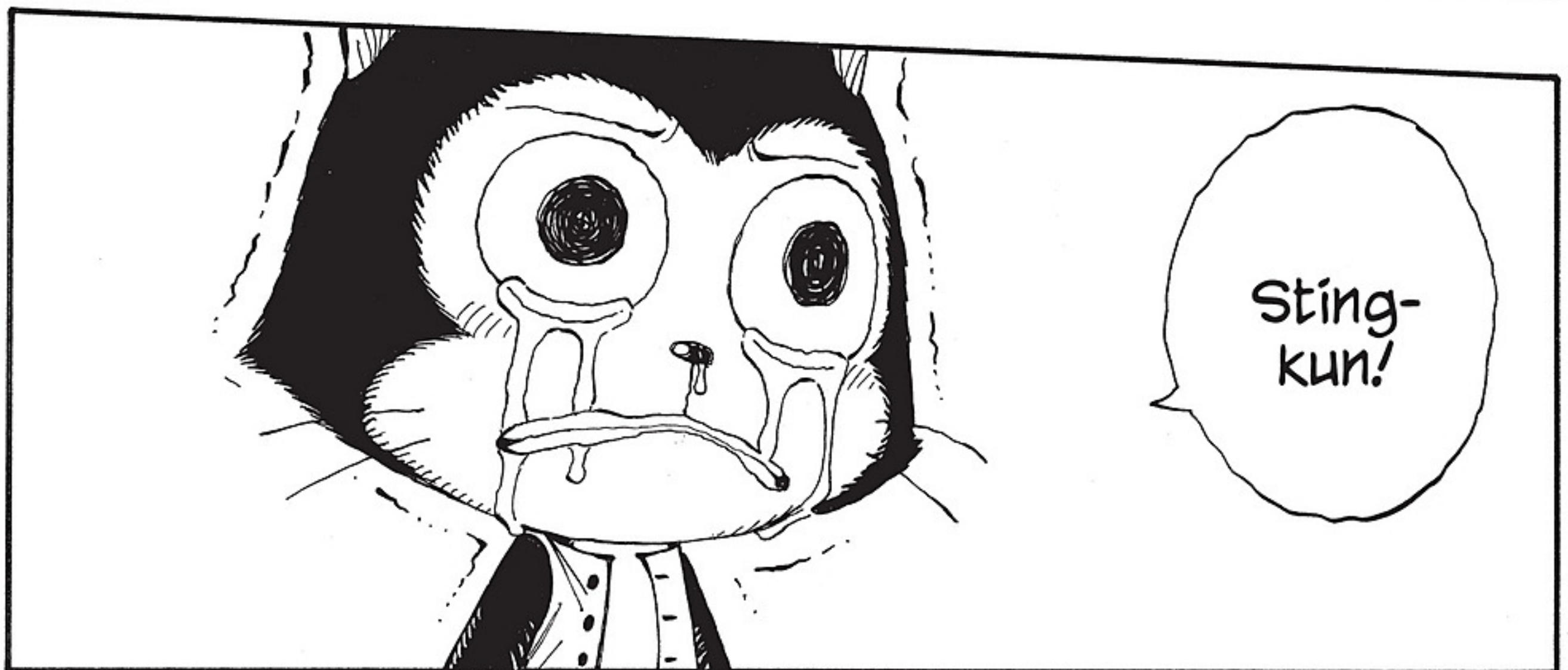
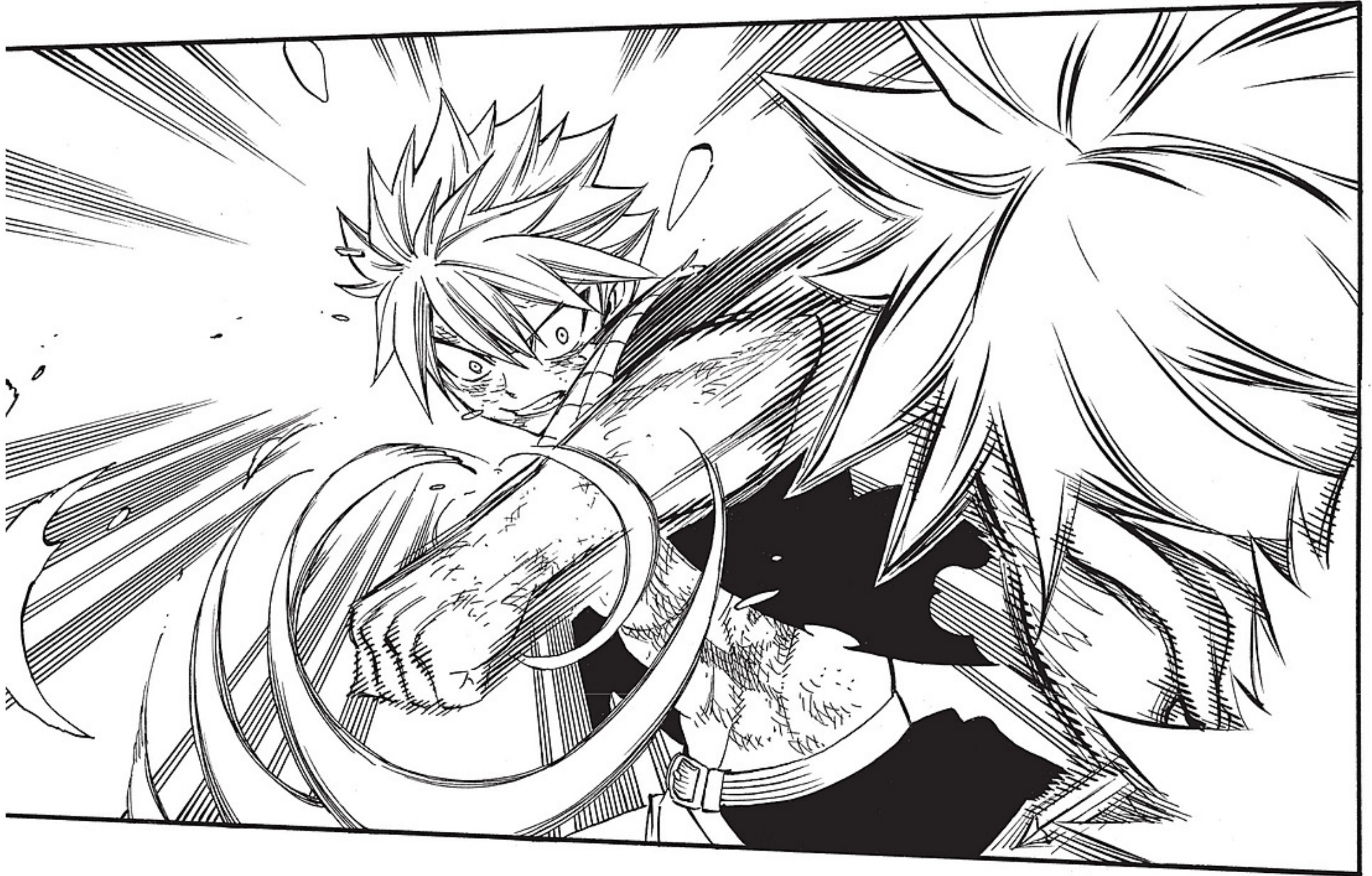
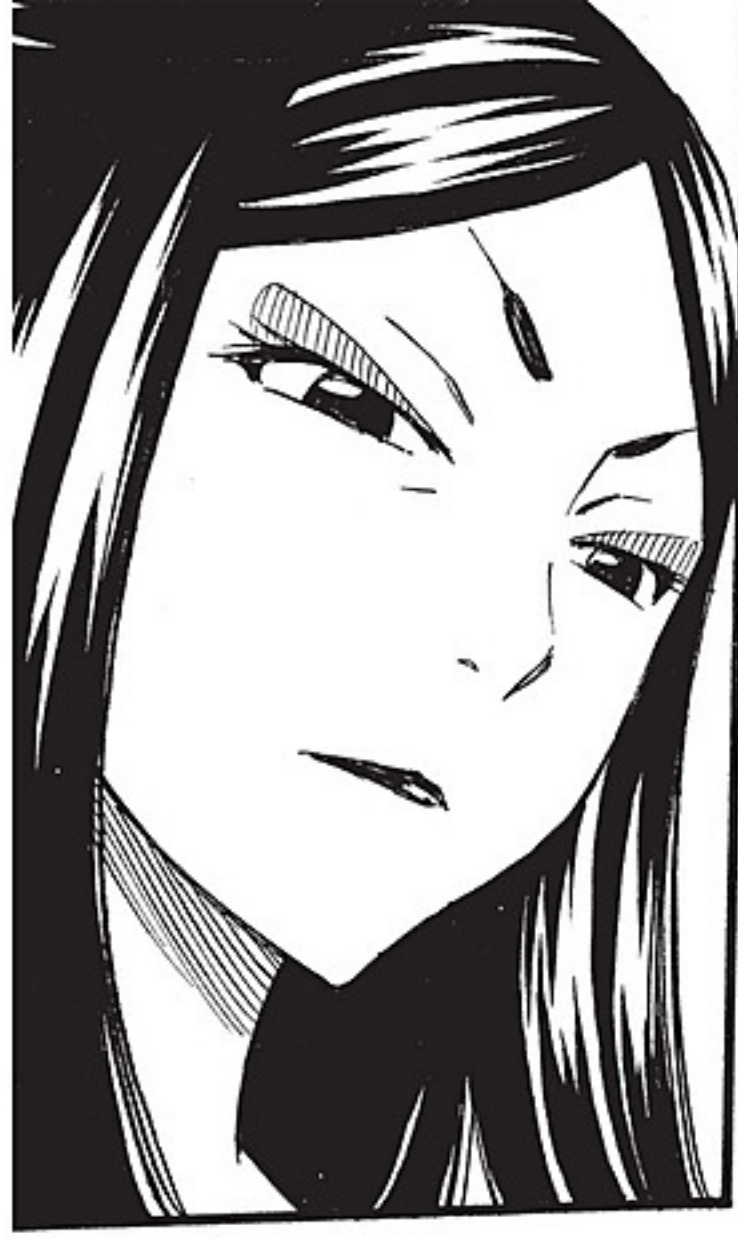
KARYŪ
NO
HôKô*
!!!!













...aren't afraid of me?

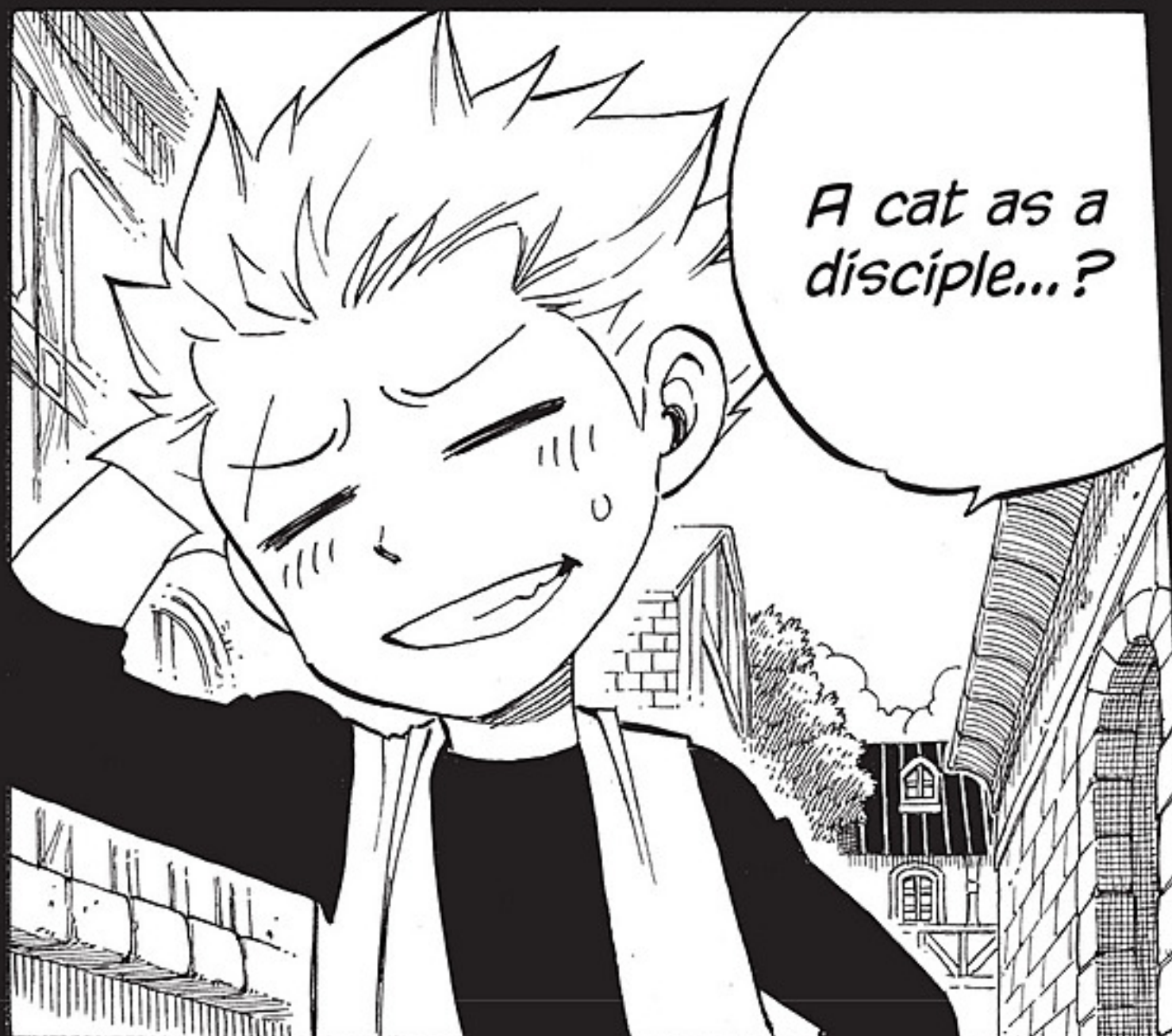
Wait, you...

I just watched the fight you had!! I want to become much, much stronger!!



Huh?

Please make me your disciple.



A cat as a disciple...?



I'm not afraid at all!!! I just want to get stronger!!



Yes, master!!!

Yeah, okay. Just follow me.



**Right
!!!!**

Sting
!!!!

*In the end, I
didn't wind up
much stronger...
but I sure loved
watching Sting
and his strength.*



There
are some
barriers
that
can't be
broken by
strength
alone.

Sting-
kun,
you're
the best
there
is!!!

A
unison
raid?!





*Divine-Shadow Dragon, Light Fang

**DRAGON
SLAYER
ULTIMATE
ATTACK...**



*But if there is
a way to break
through the
barrier, it's in
the power of
emotions.*



**GUREN
BAKUEN-
JIN*!!!!**

*Blazing Flashover Blade



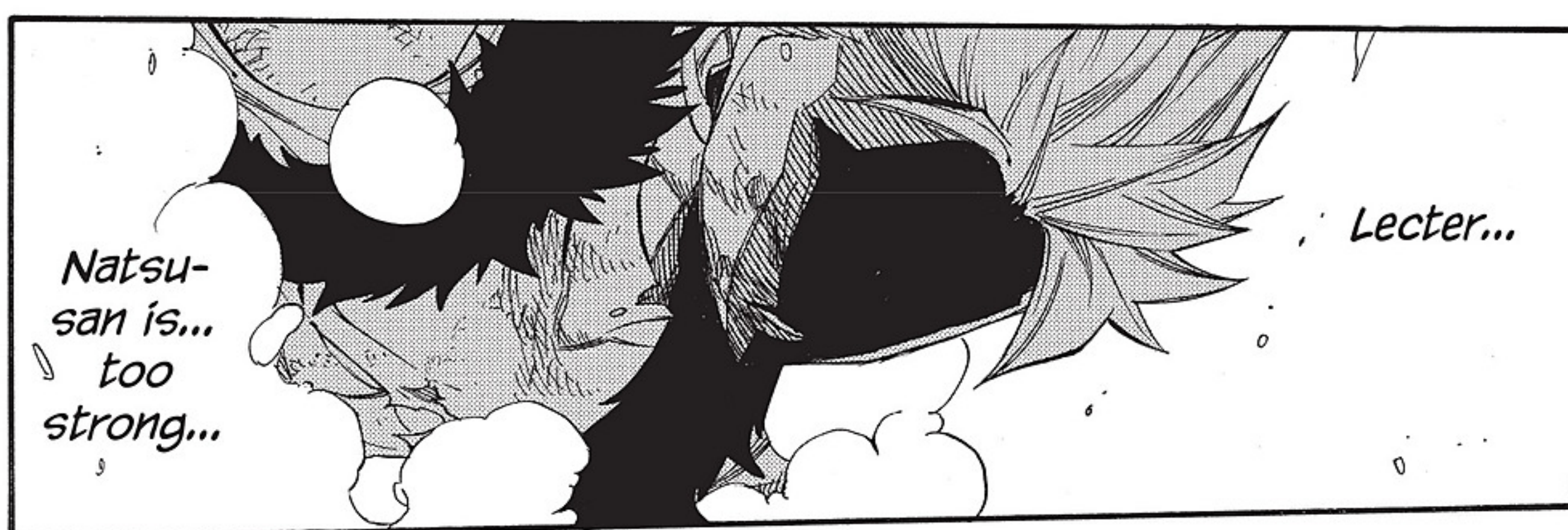


...any...
limits...?

Doesn't
he
have...



Natsu
Dragneel
...



Natsu-
san is...
too
strong...

Lecter...



l-l-l-l-l
LOOK AT
THIS...



A guild is a
place where
we encourage
such emotions
to grow.



IT'S
FAIRY
TAIL!!!!

THEY'VE
DEFEATED
THE TWIN
DRAGONS
!!!!

PEEP

No. 1 Fairy Tail 45P

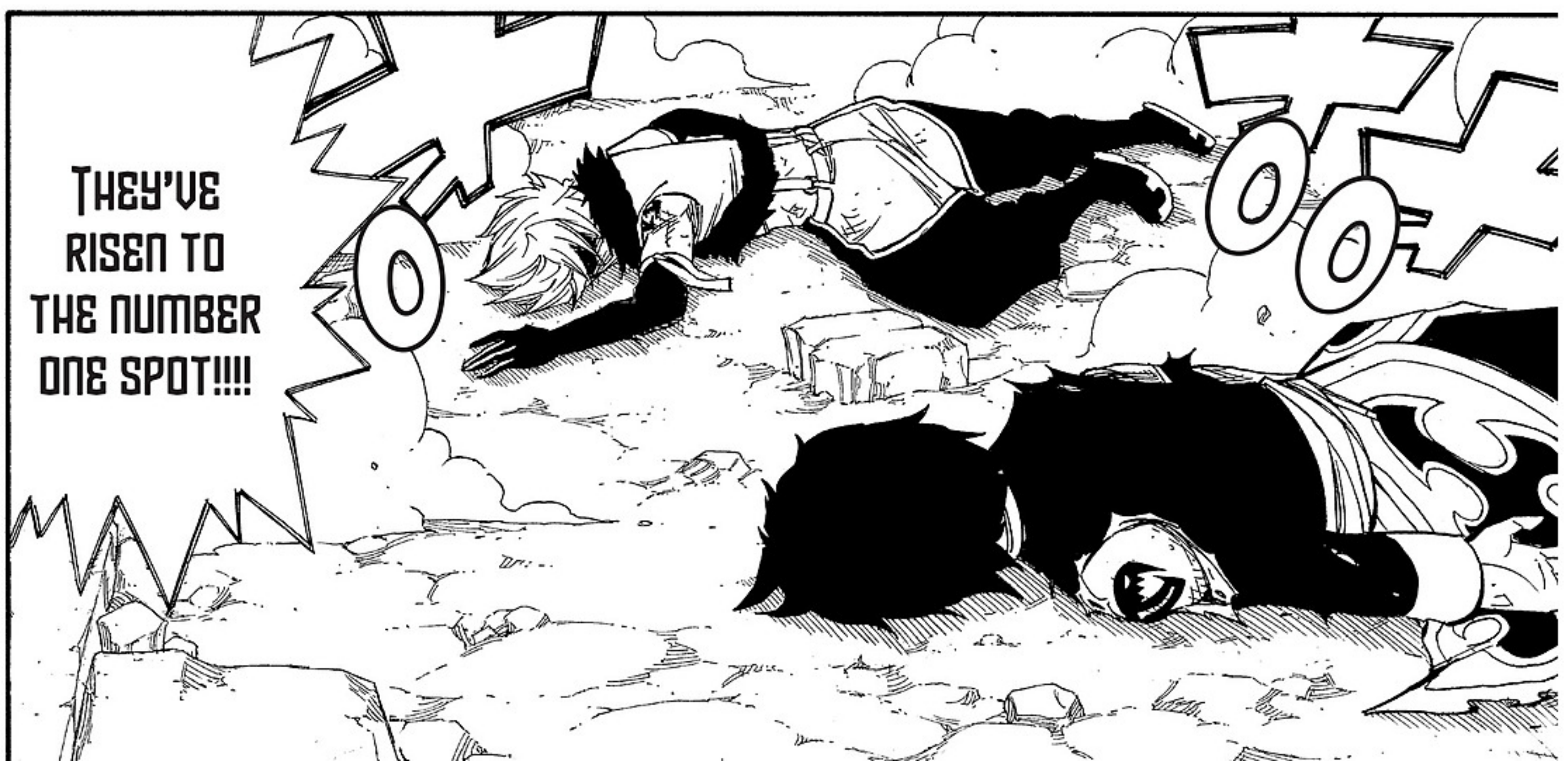
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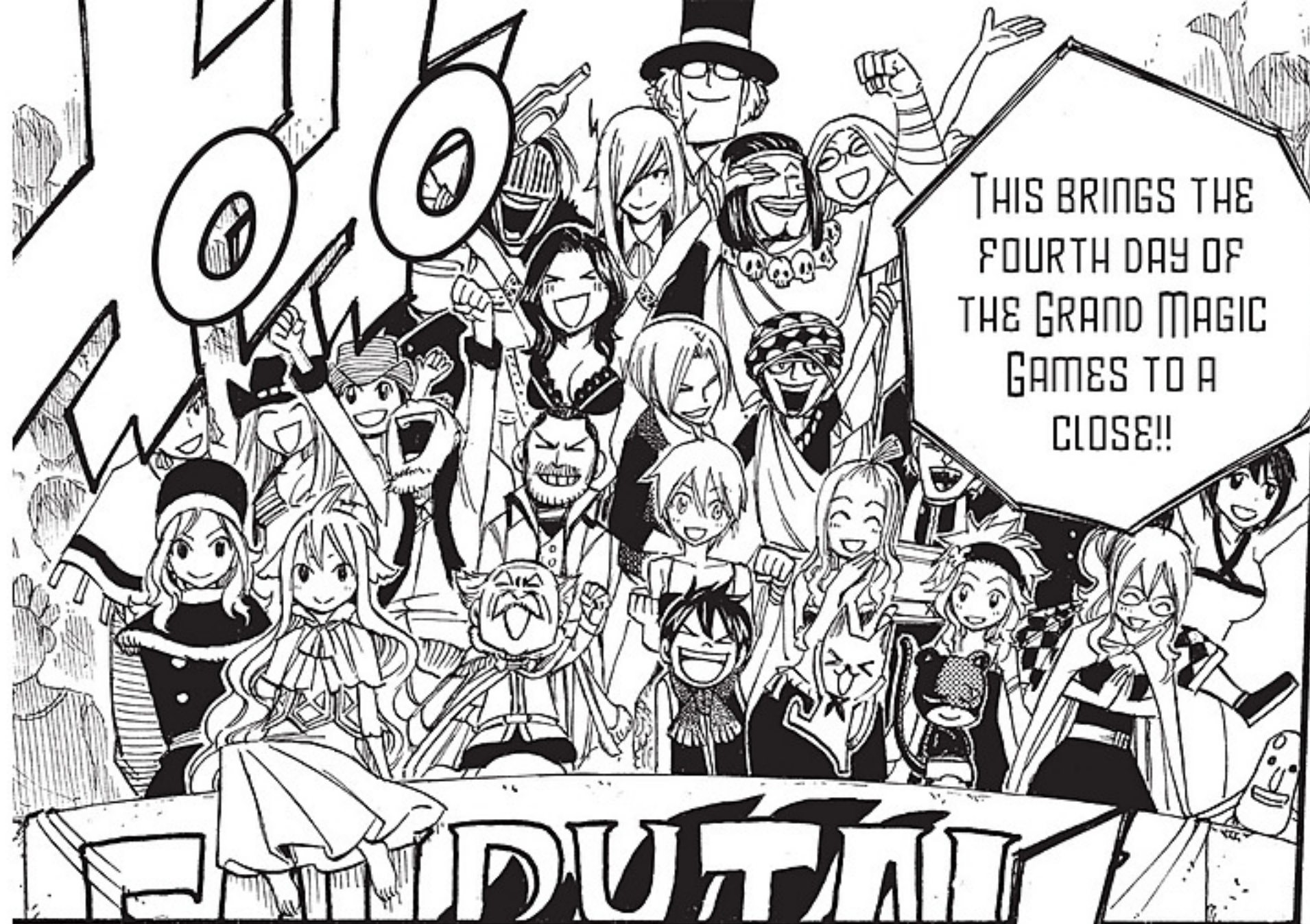
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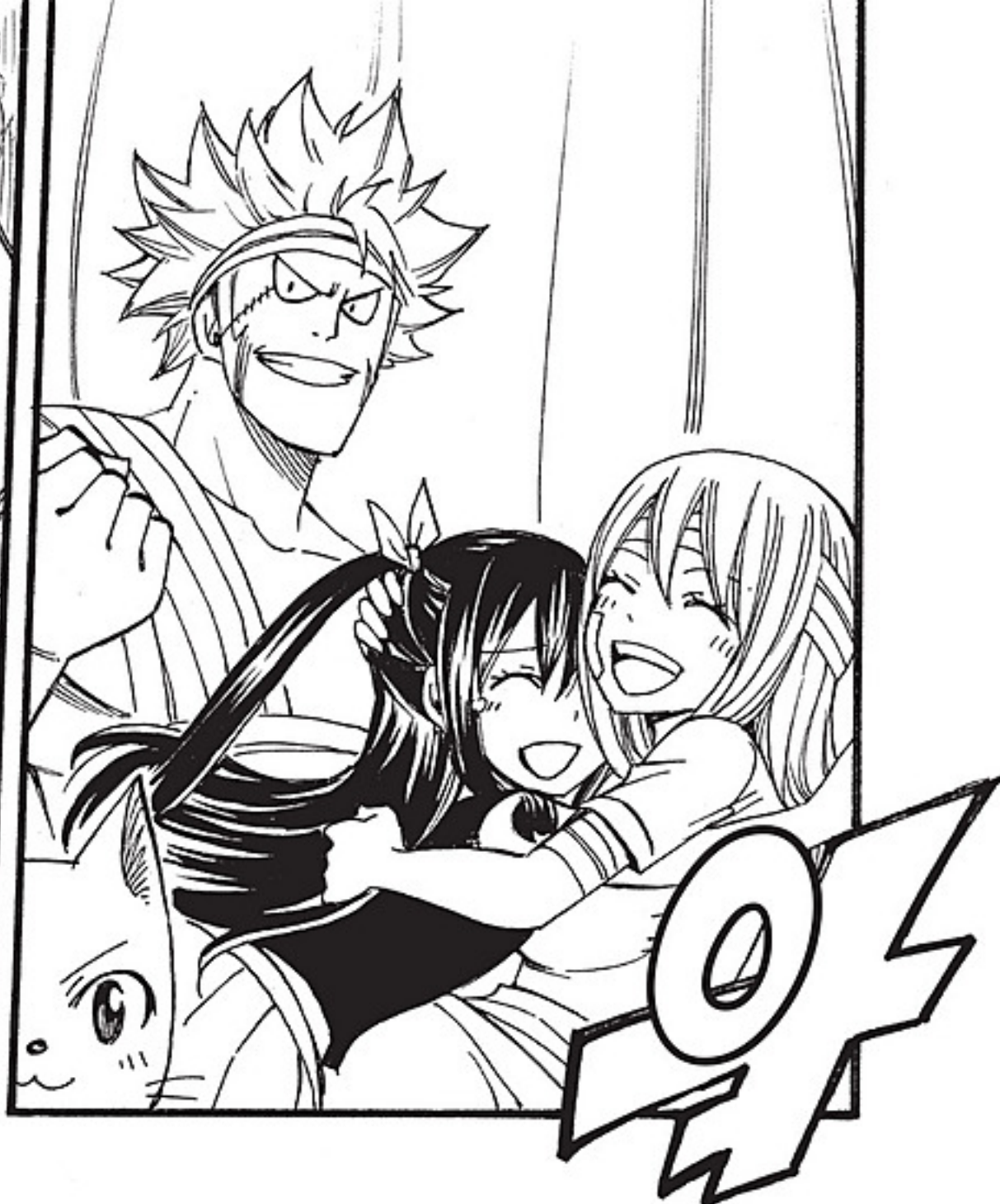
Chapter 297: The Girl's Face He Saw







THIS BRINGS THE
FOURTH DAY OF
THE GRAND MAGIC
GAMES TO A
CLOSE!!



THE FINAL MATCH
WILL BE A SURVIVAL
GAME WITH ALL
FIVE MEMBERS OF
EACH TEAM!



THERE WILL BE A
ONE-DAY BREAK
FROM THE GAMES,
AND AFTER THAT
WILL BE THE FINAL
MATCH!!



Thank
you
very
much
!!!

EVERYONE, YOU
CAN EXPECT
FIREWORKS!!!

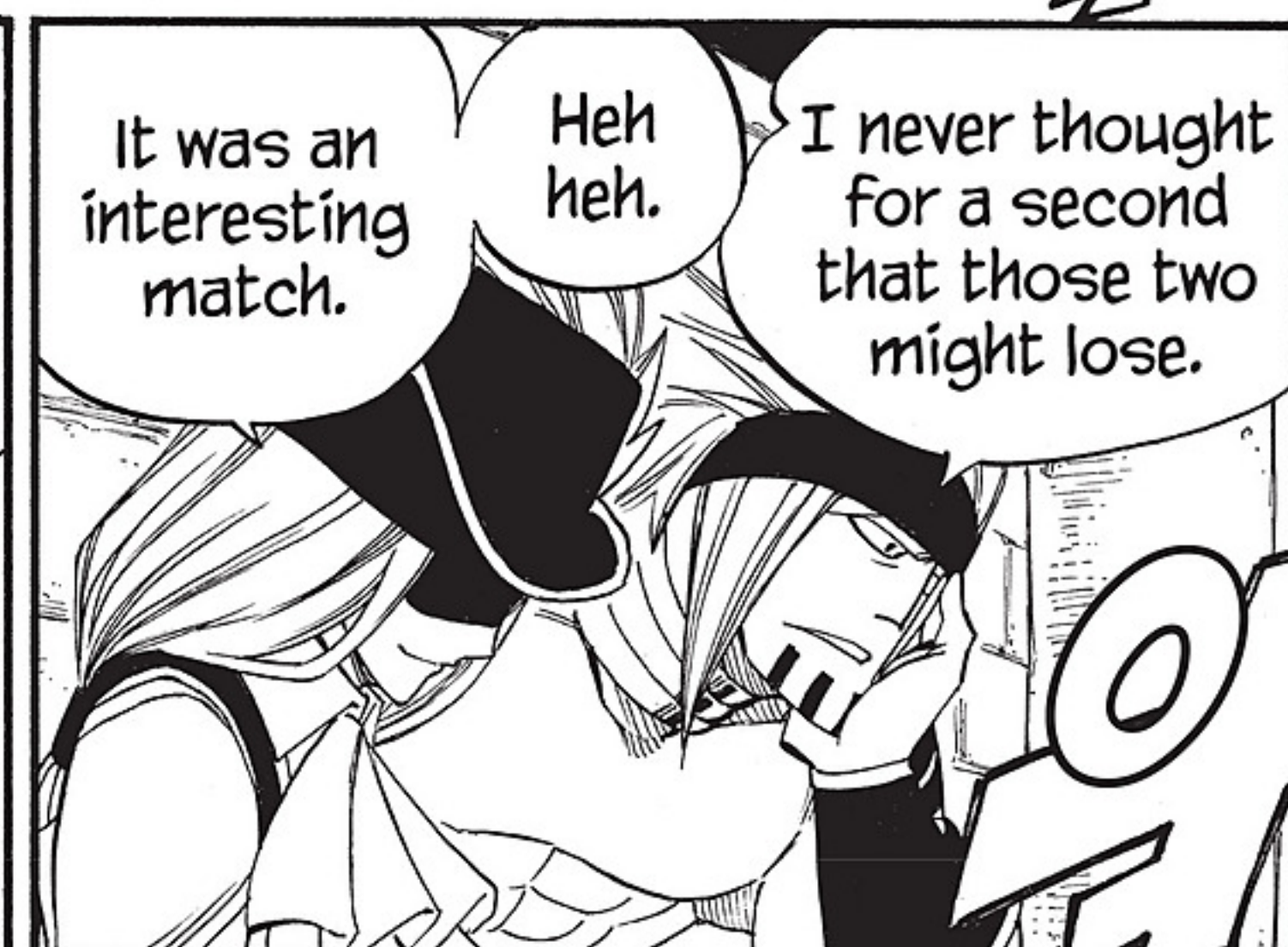
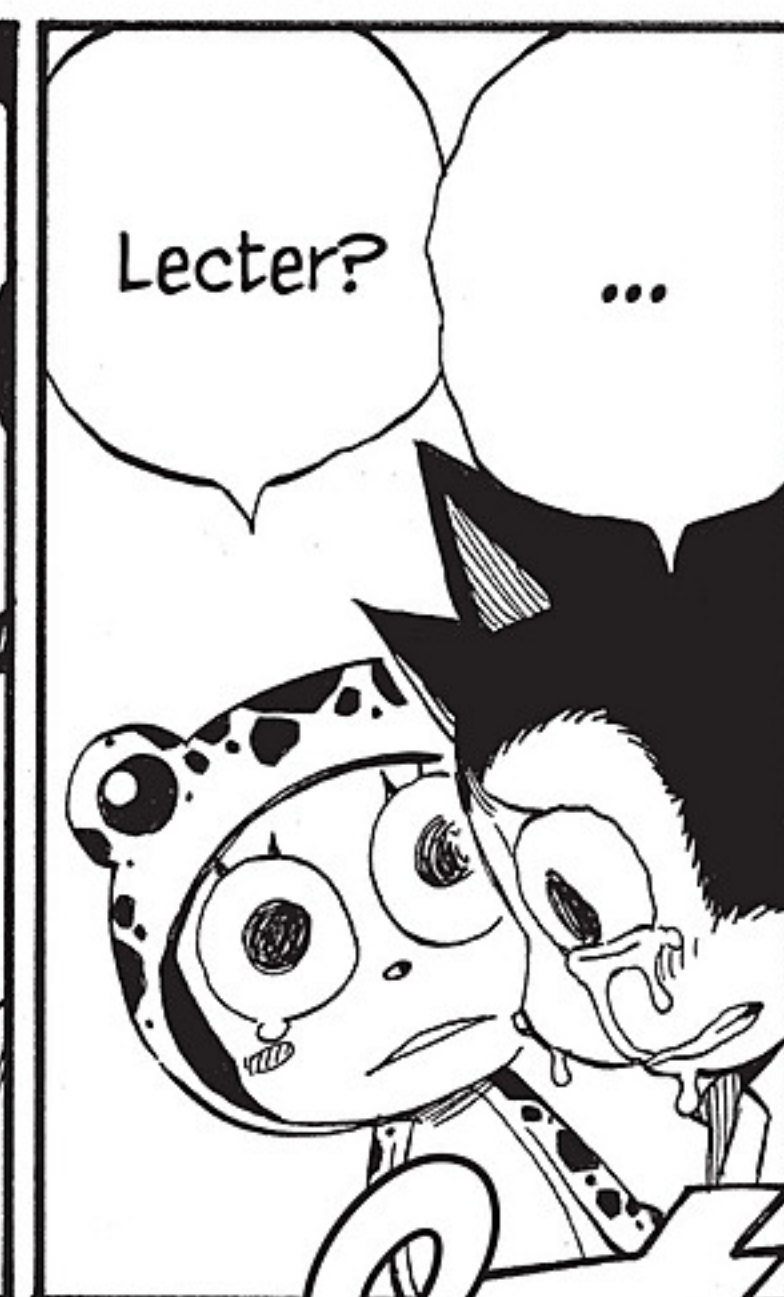
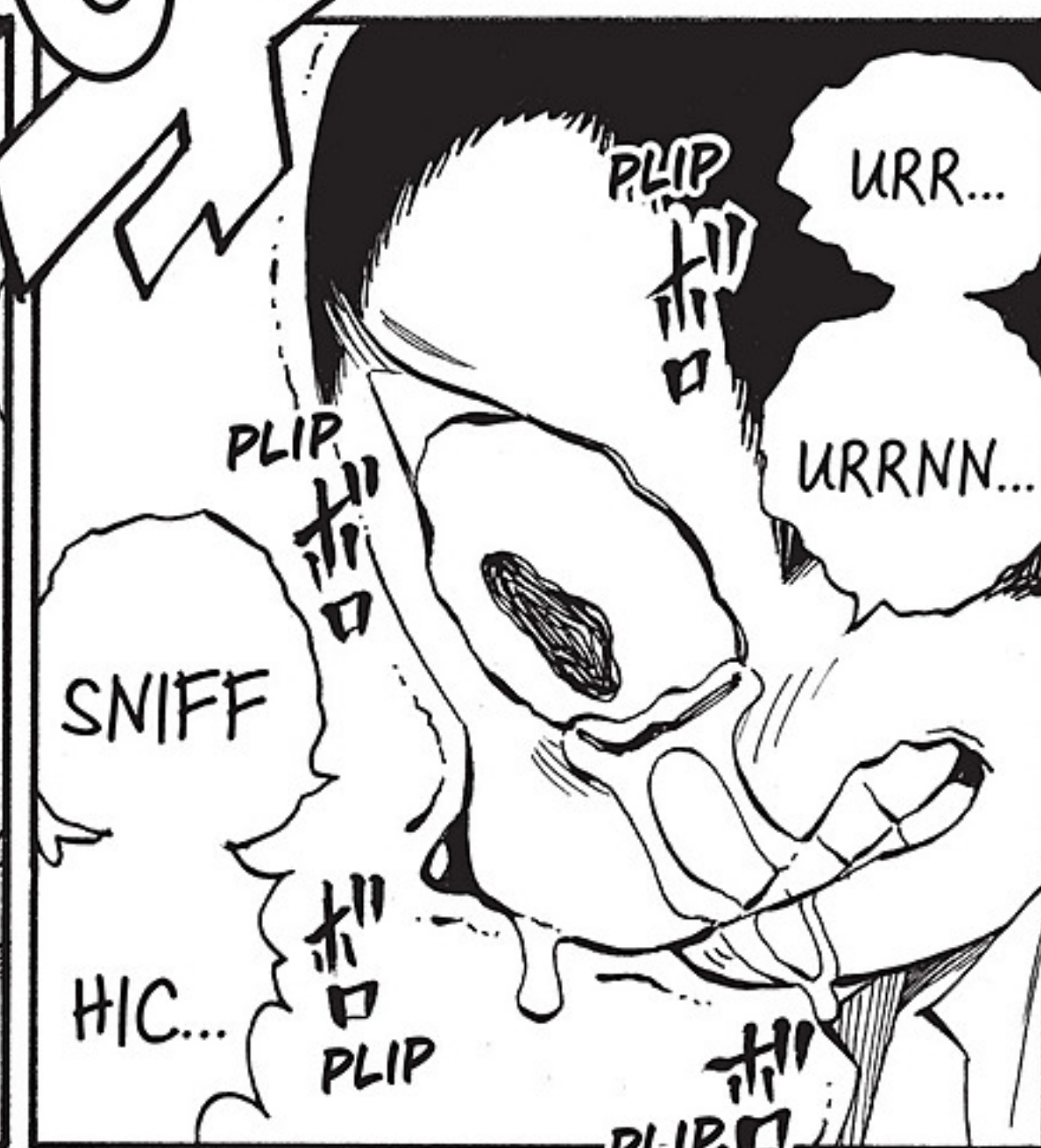


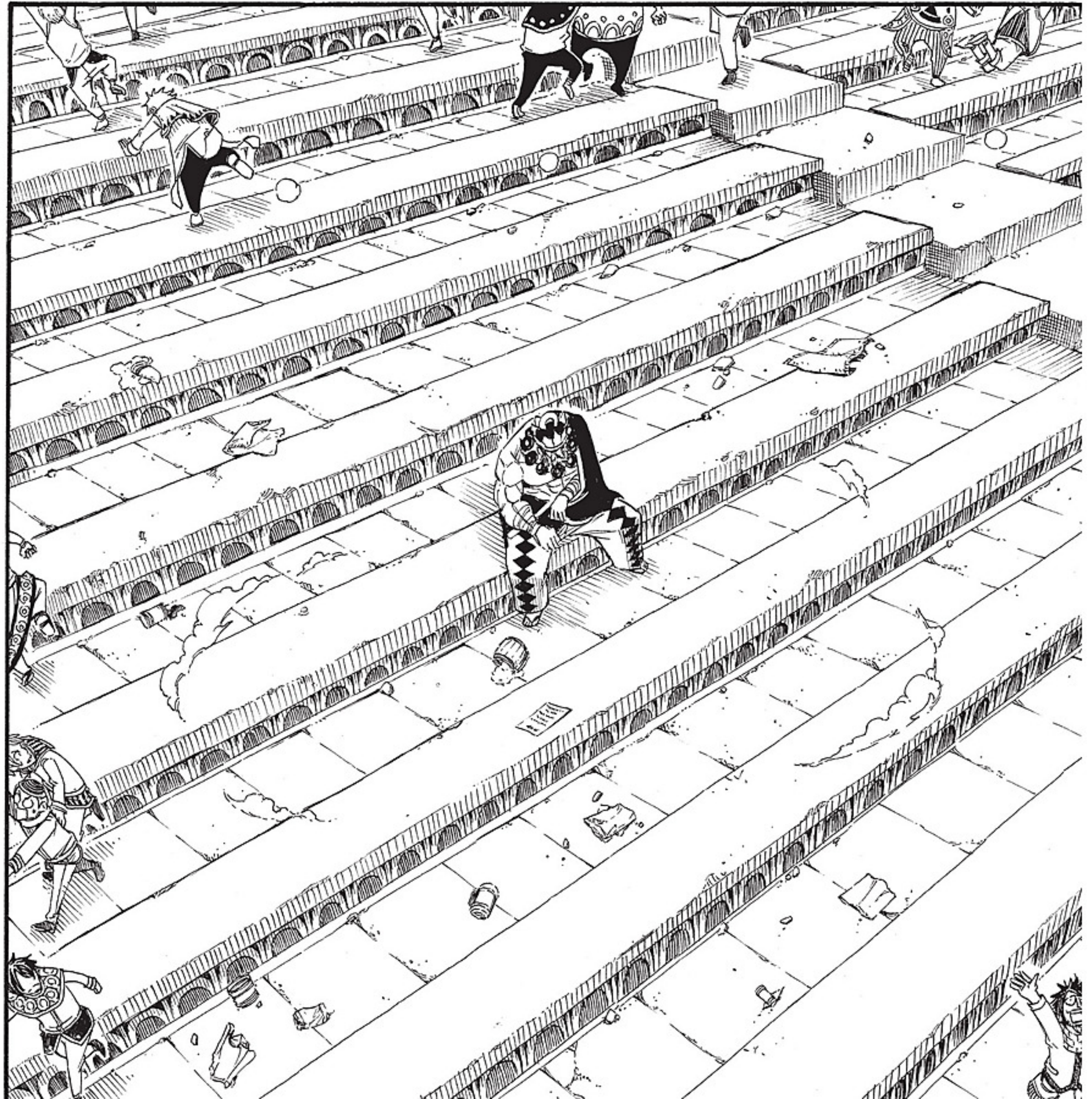
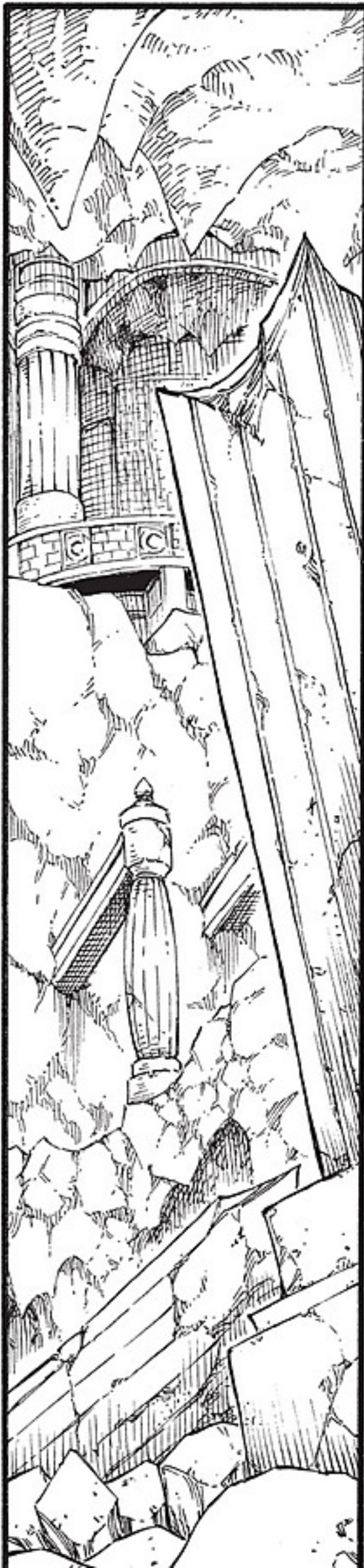
WHICH GUILD WILL
COME OUT THE
VICTOR IN THE
END?!!

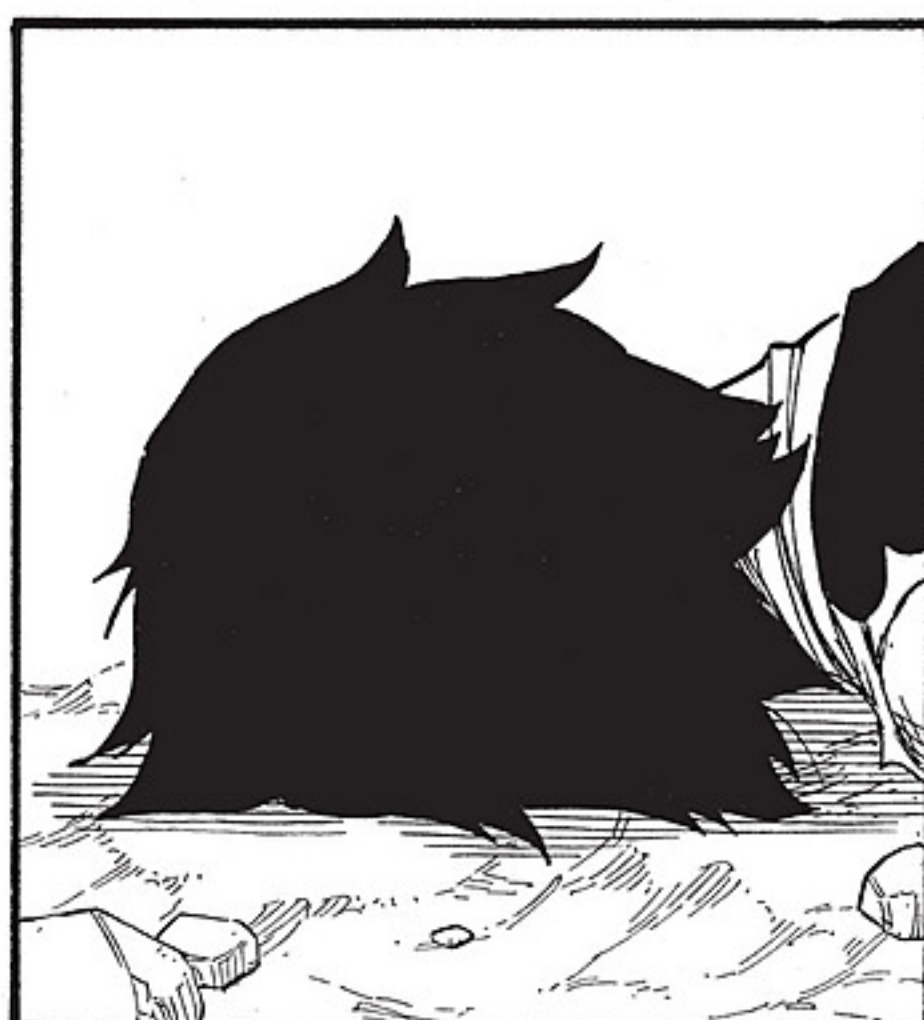
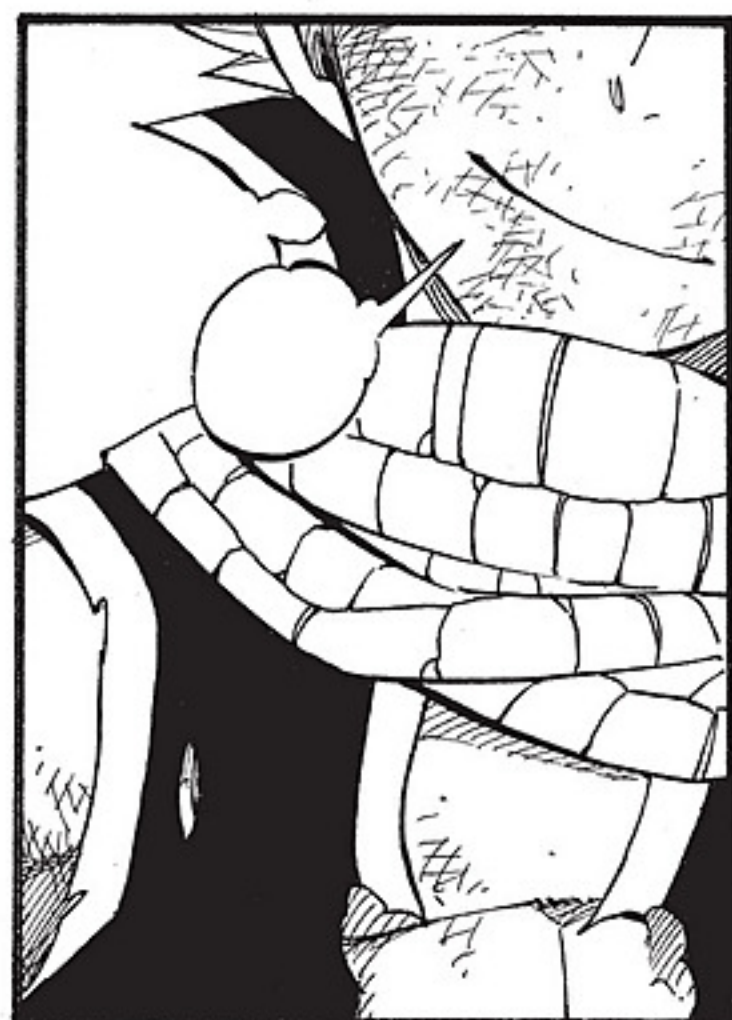
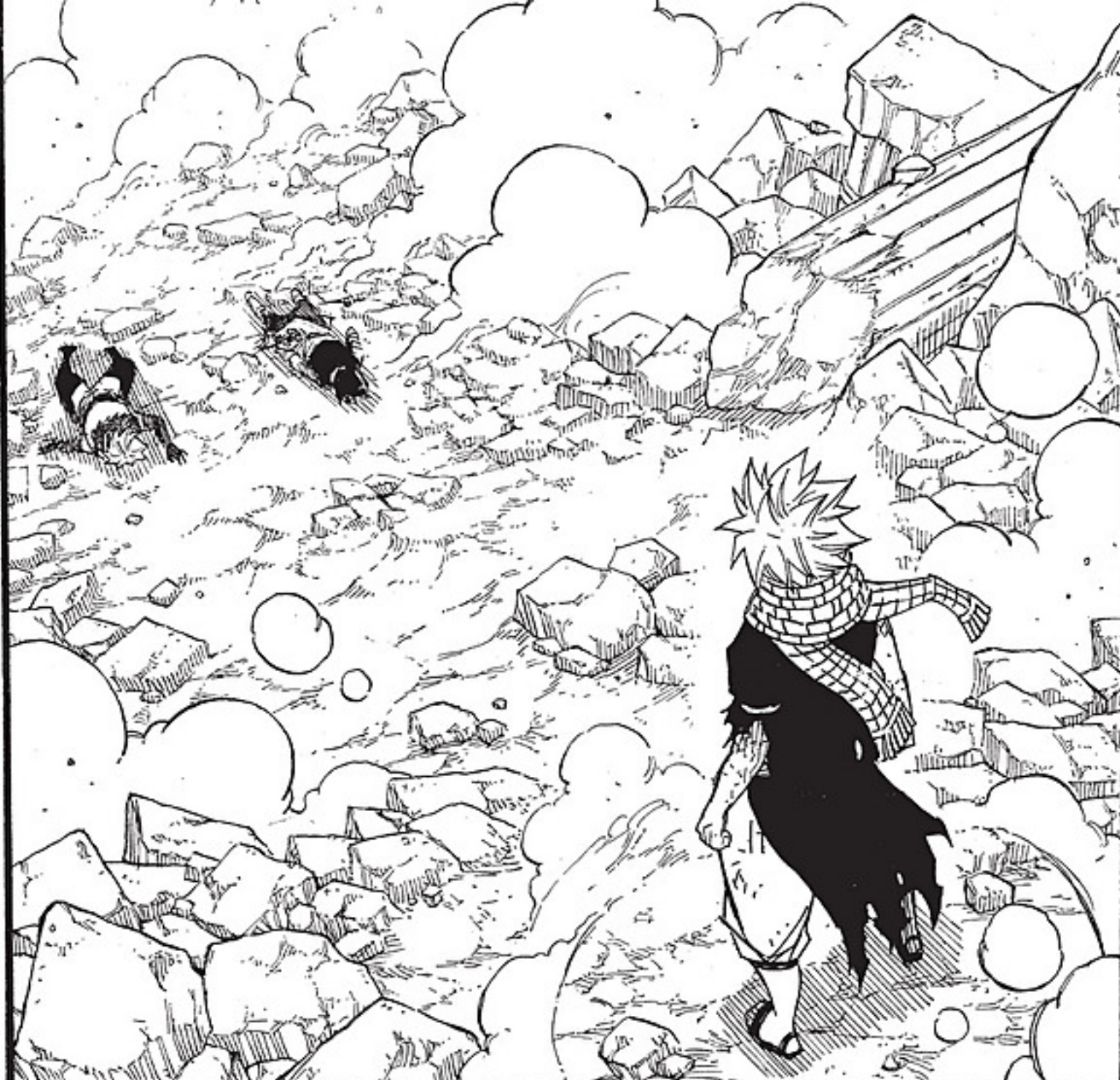
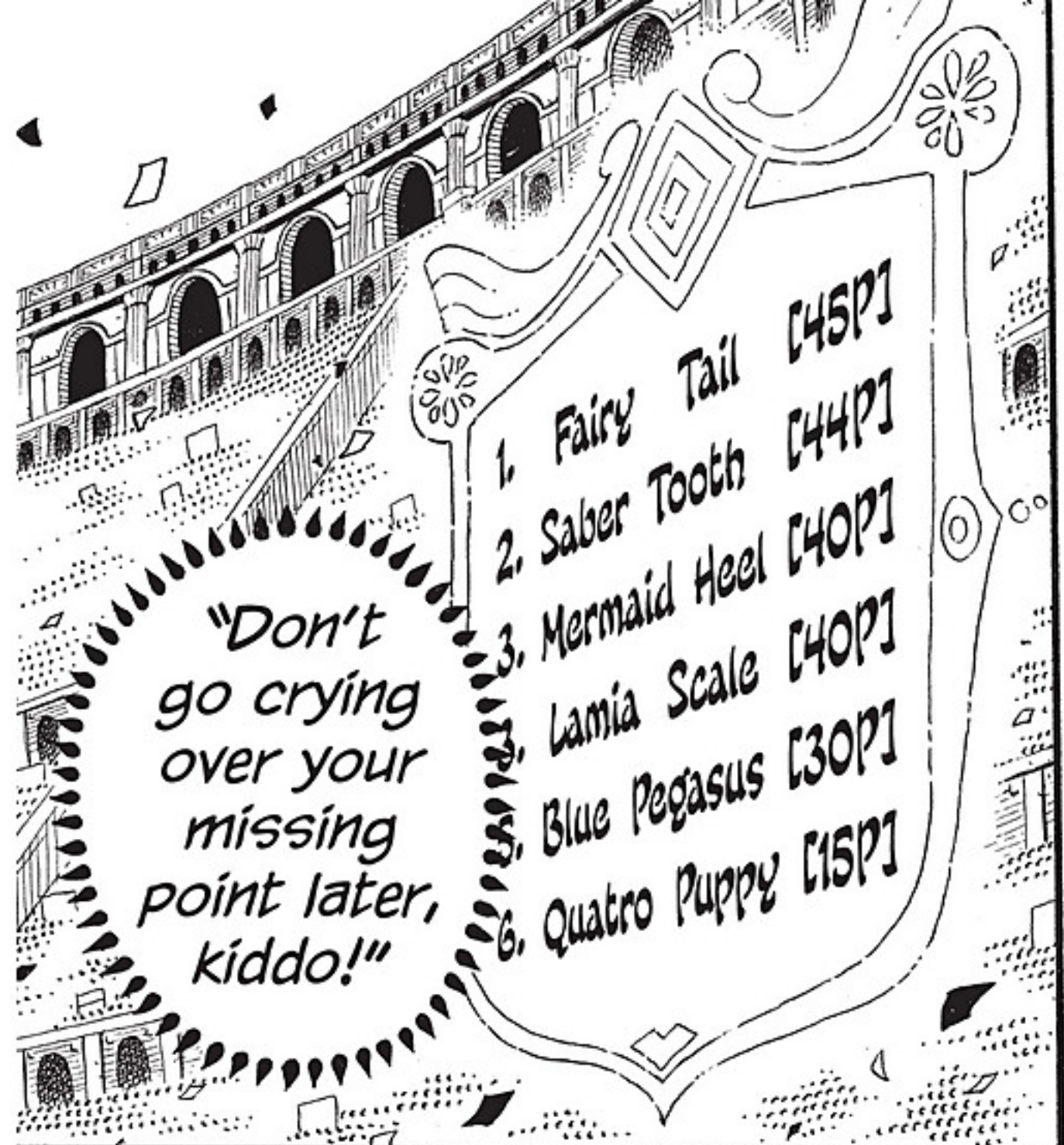


Defeat Fairy Tail!!!!

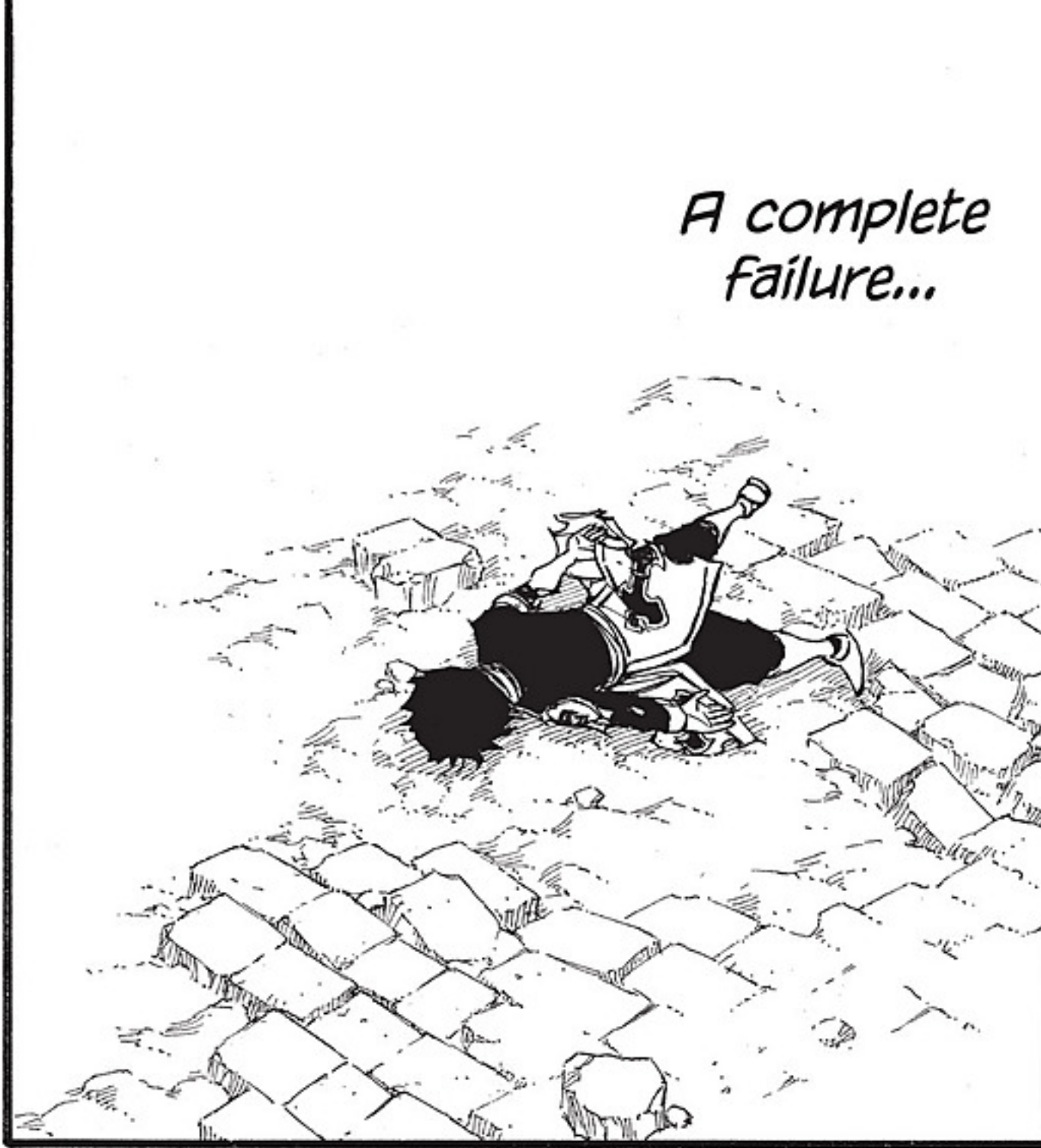






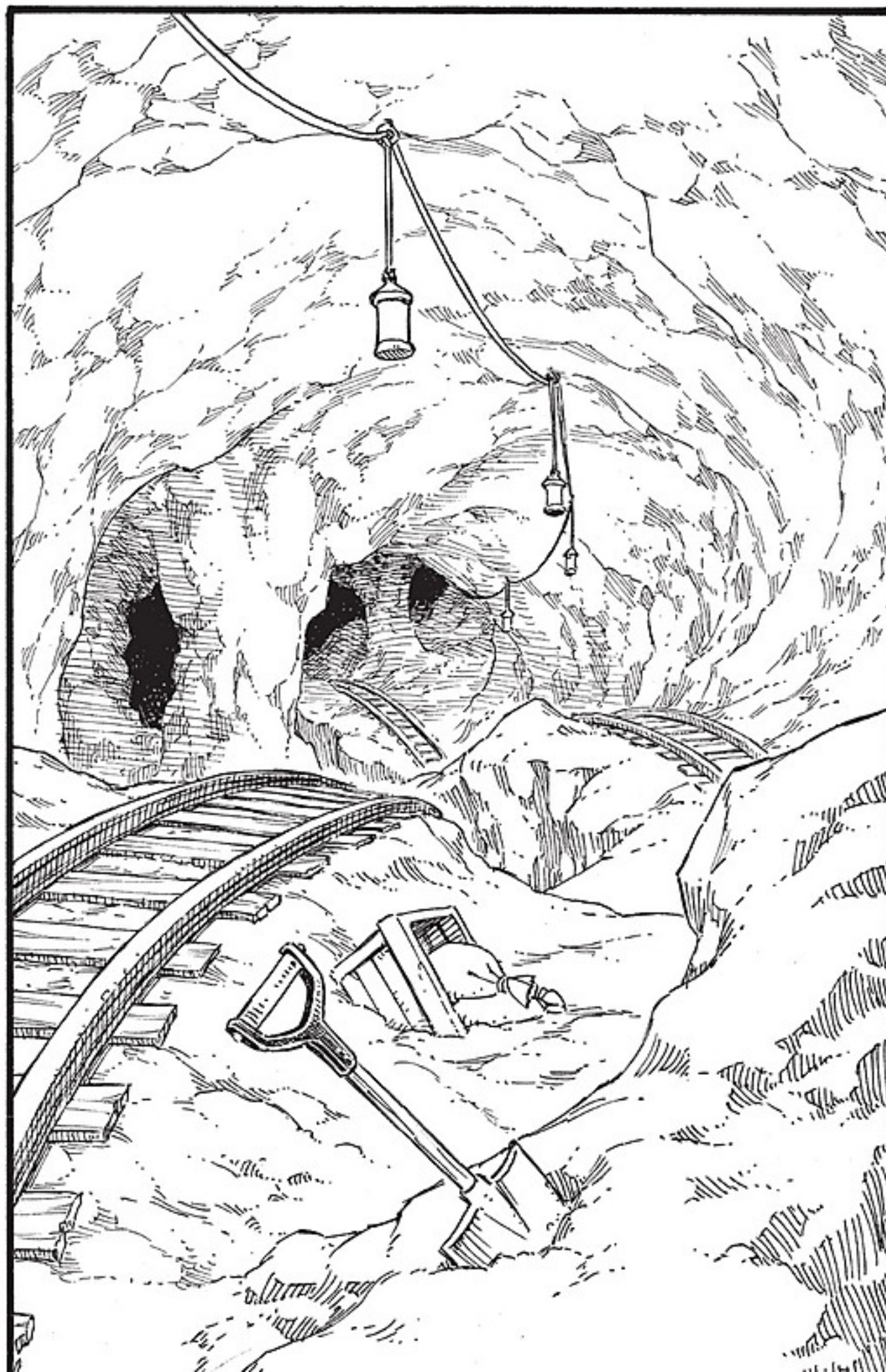


*A complete
failure...*



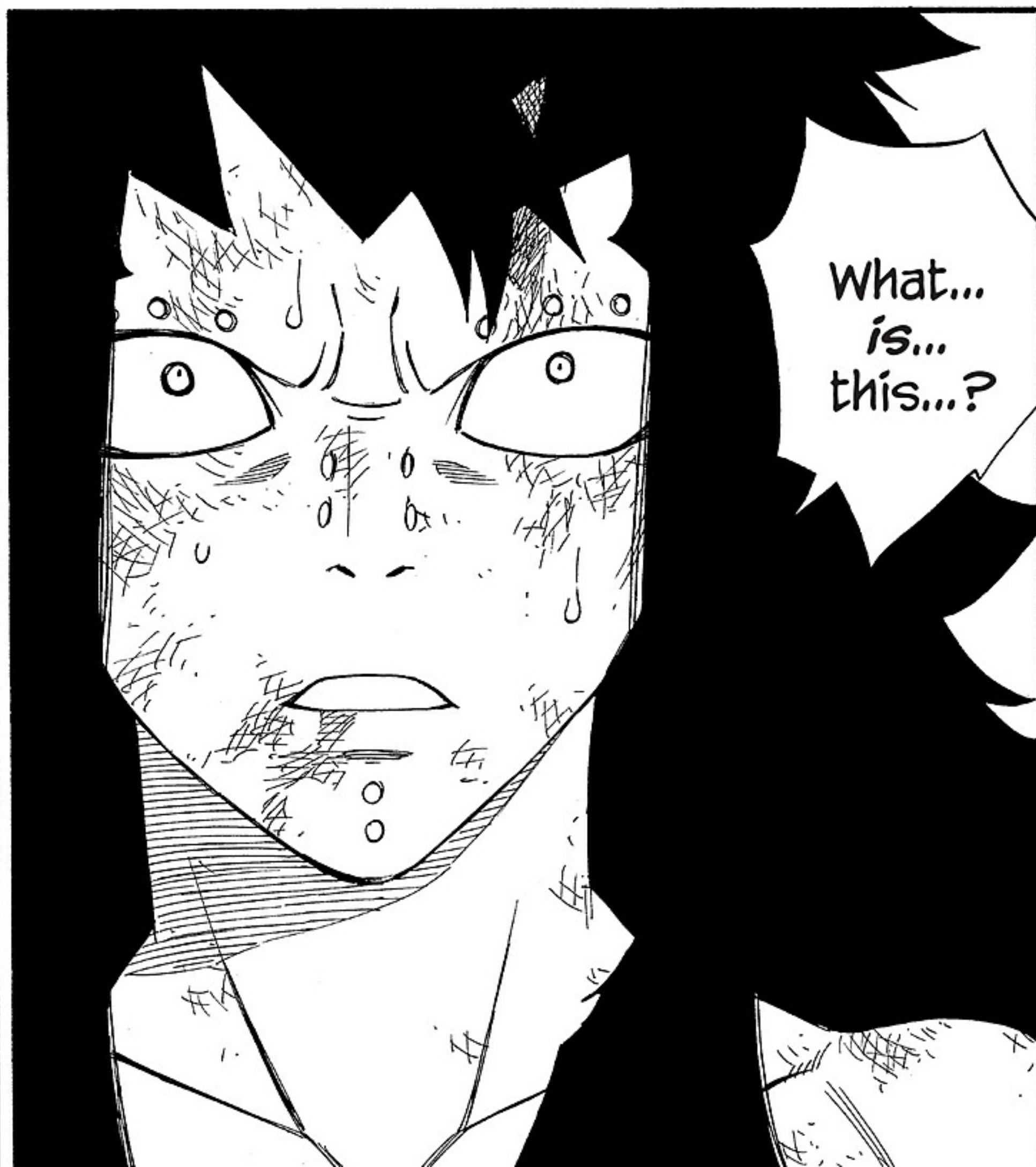
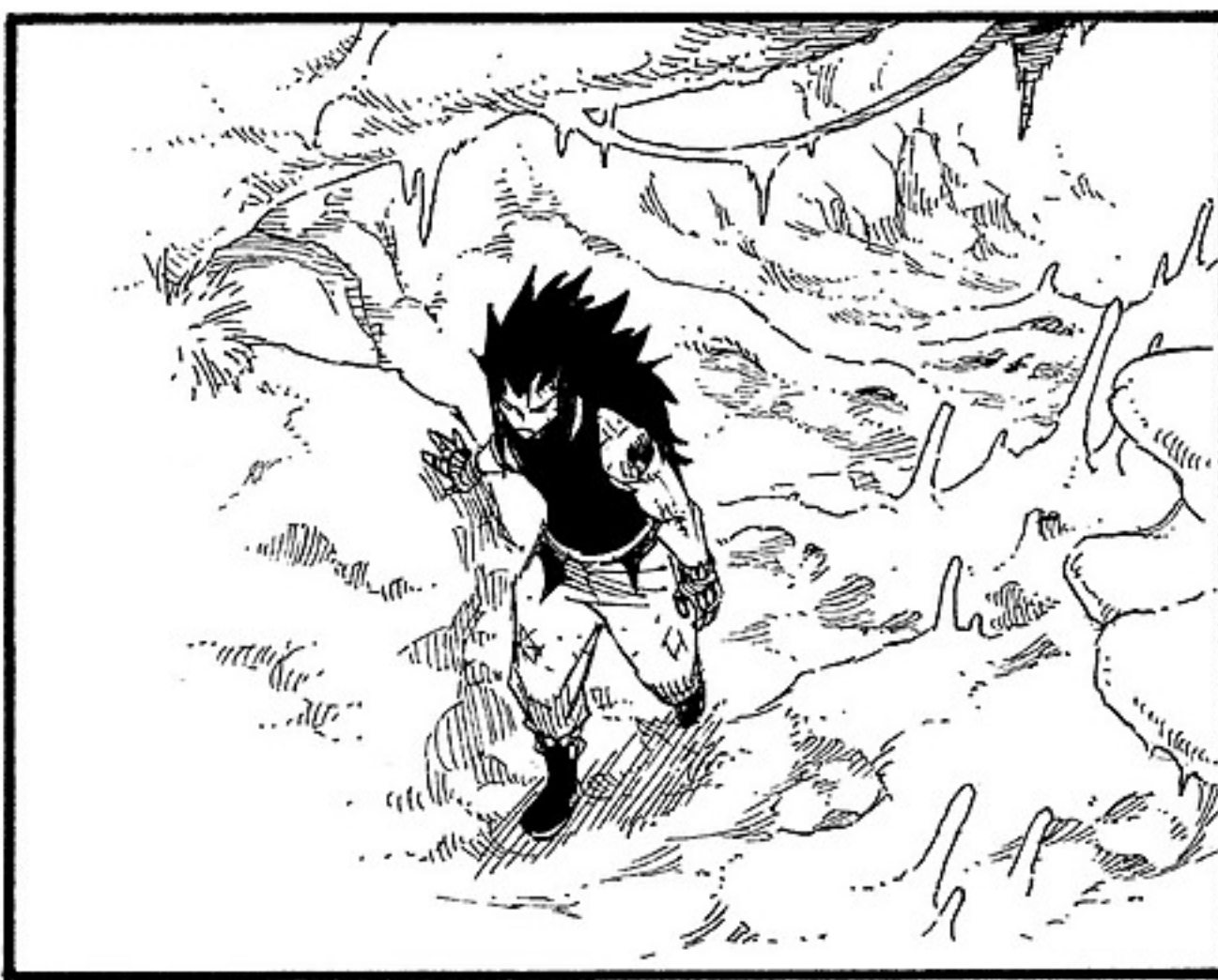
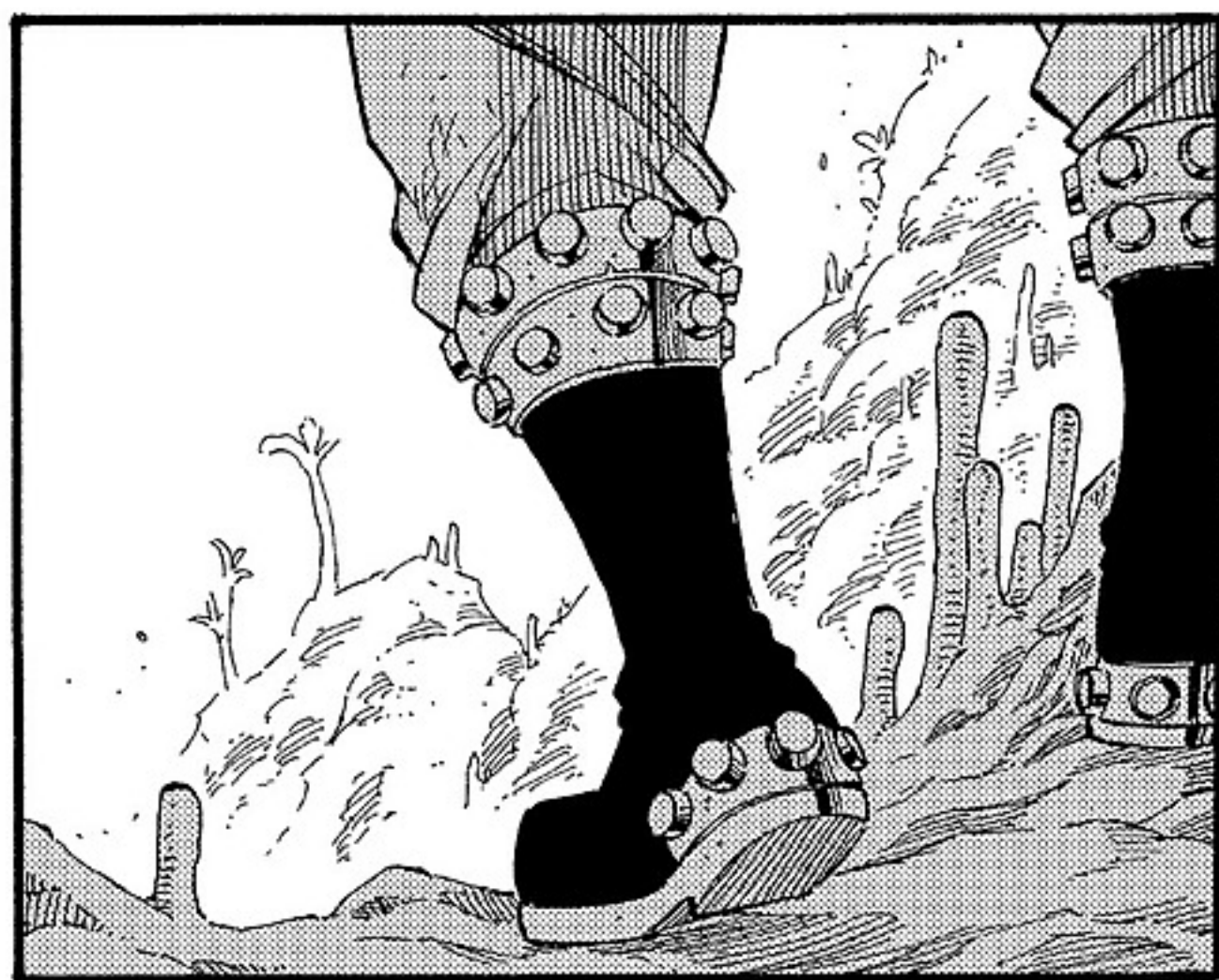
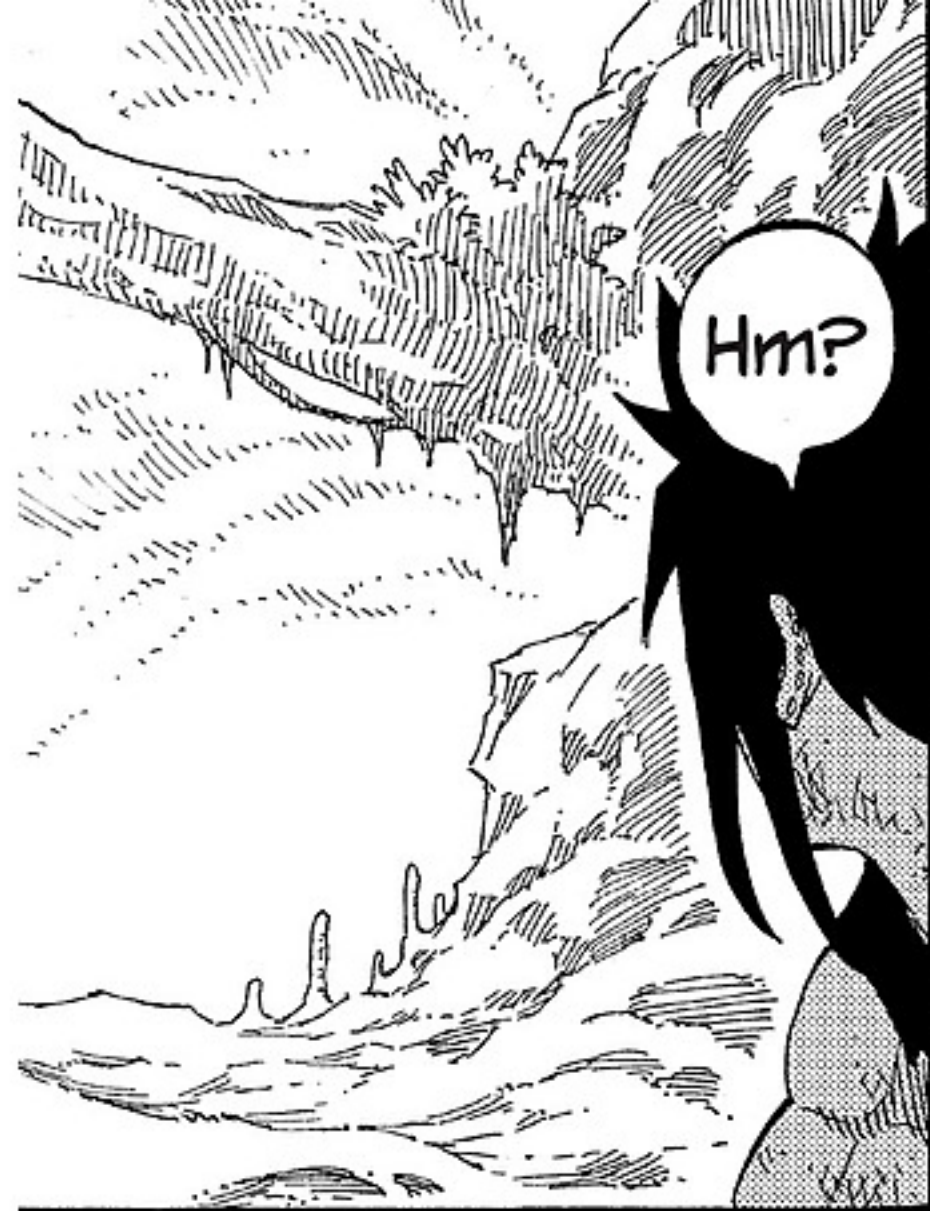
*...has
the same
fighting
strength
as Natsu...*

*And if
Gajeel...*



*Just how
overly
cocky was
I this
time?*

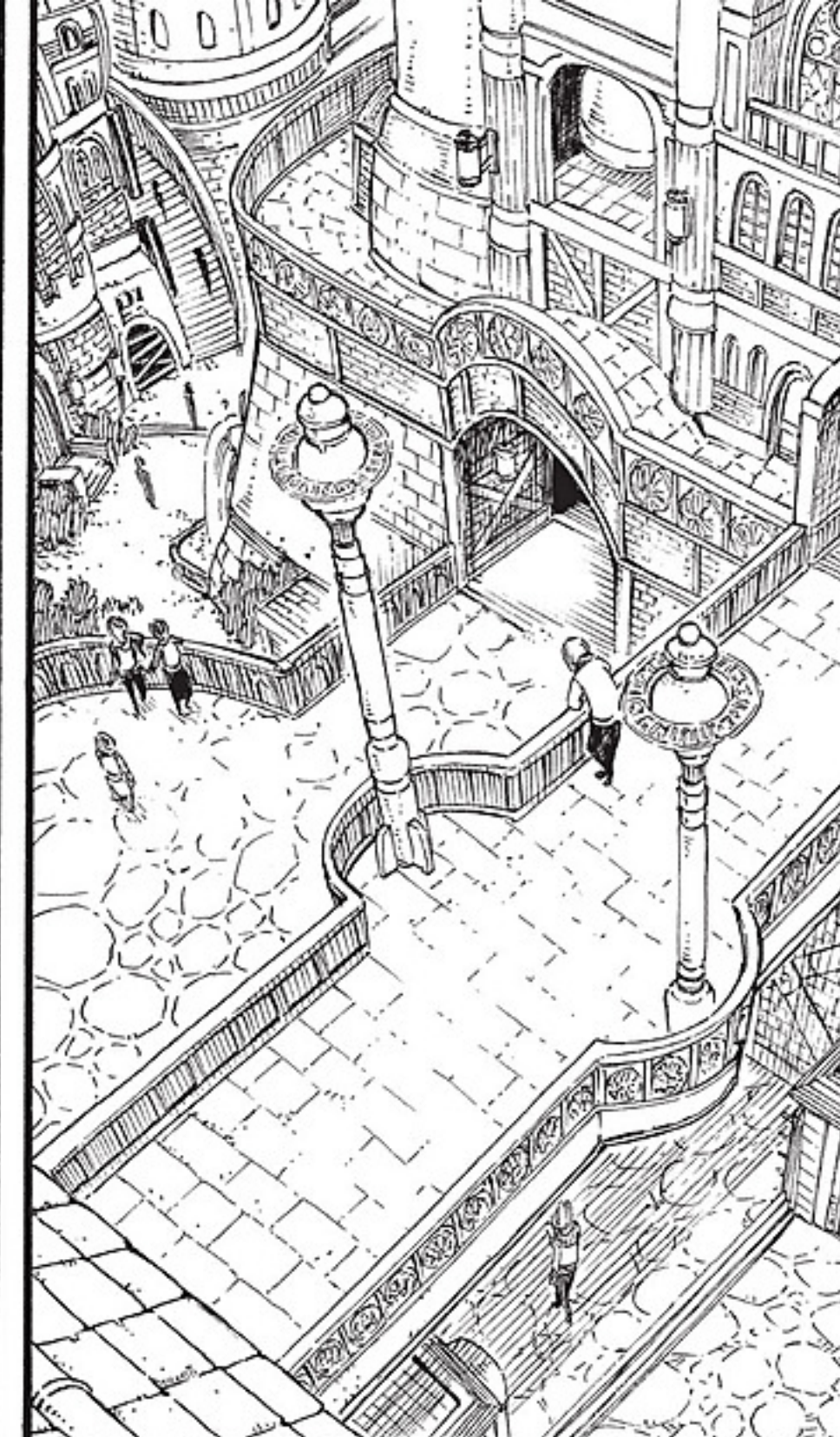


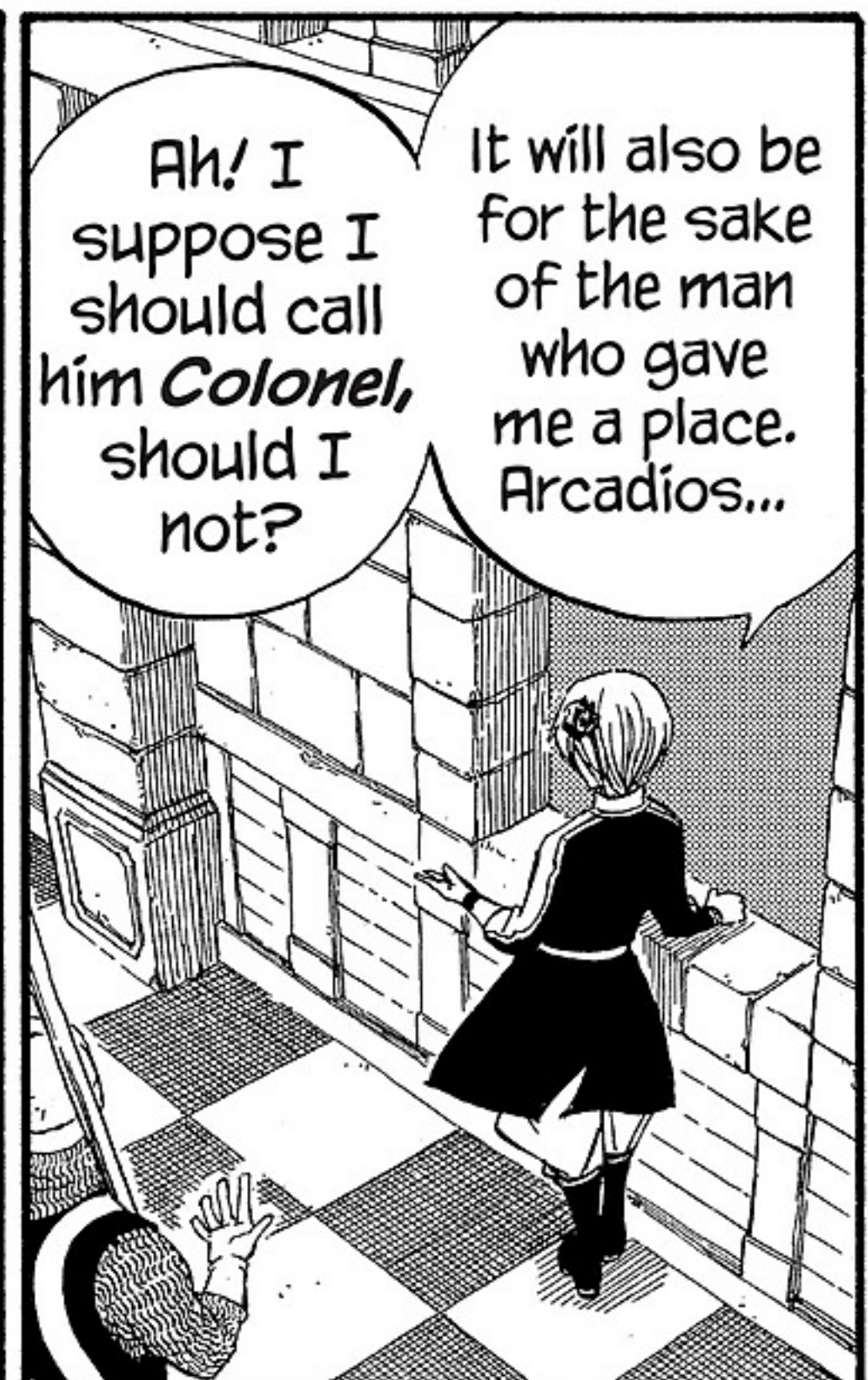


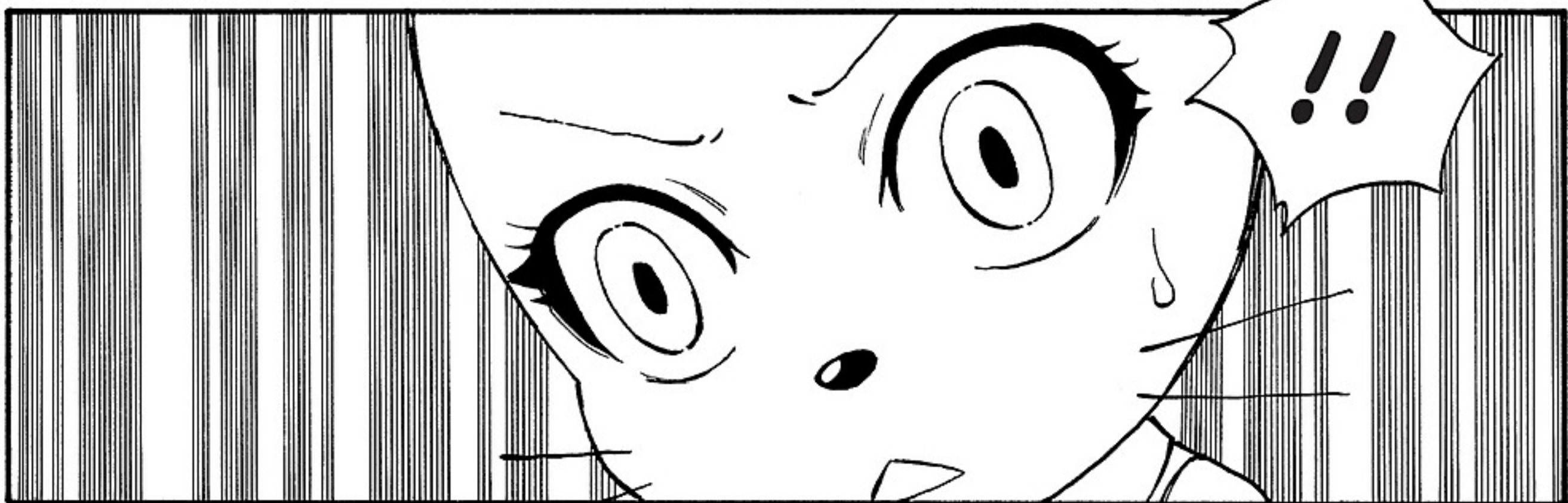
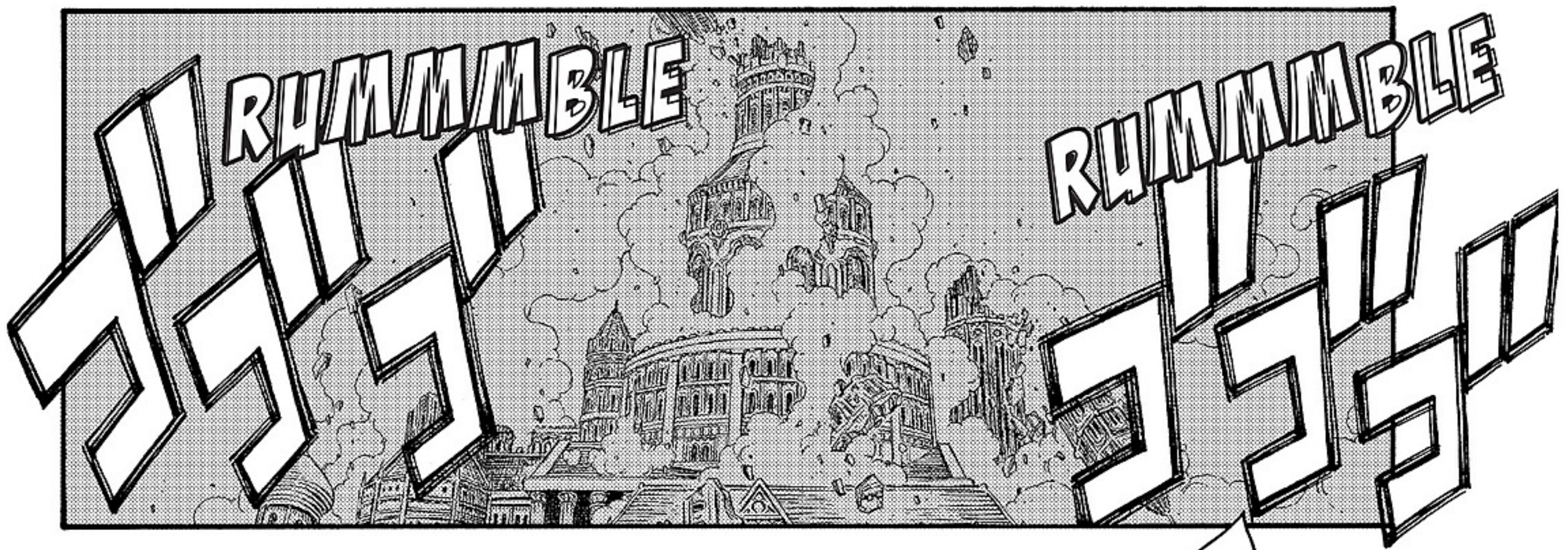
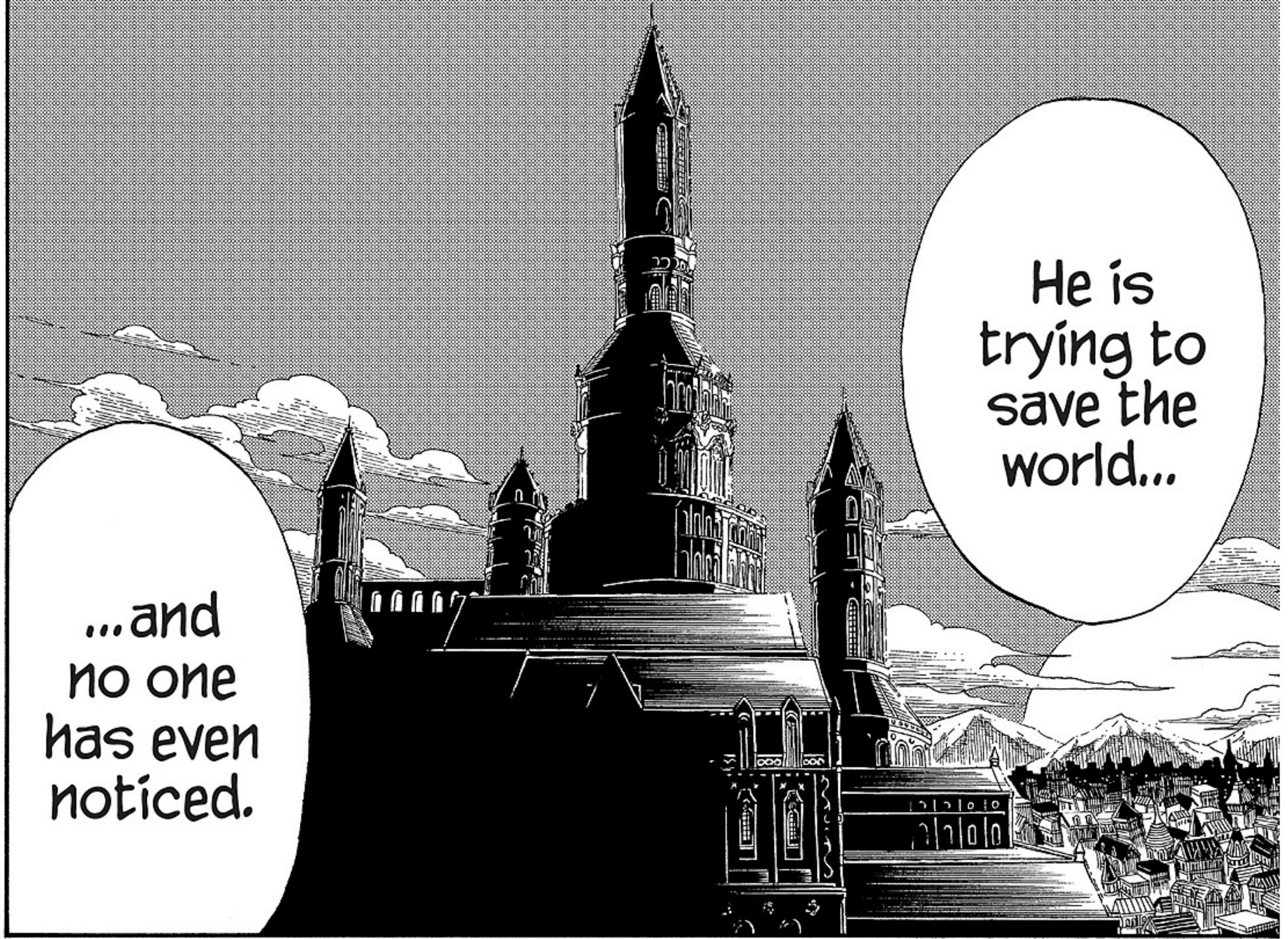


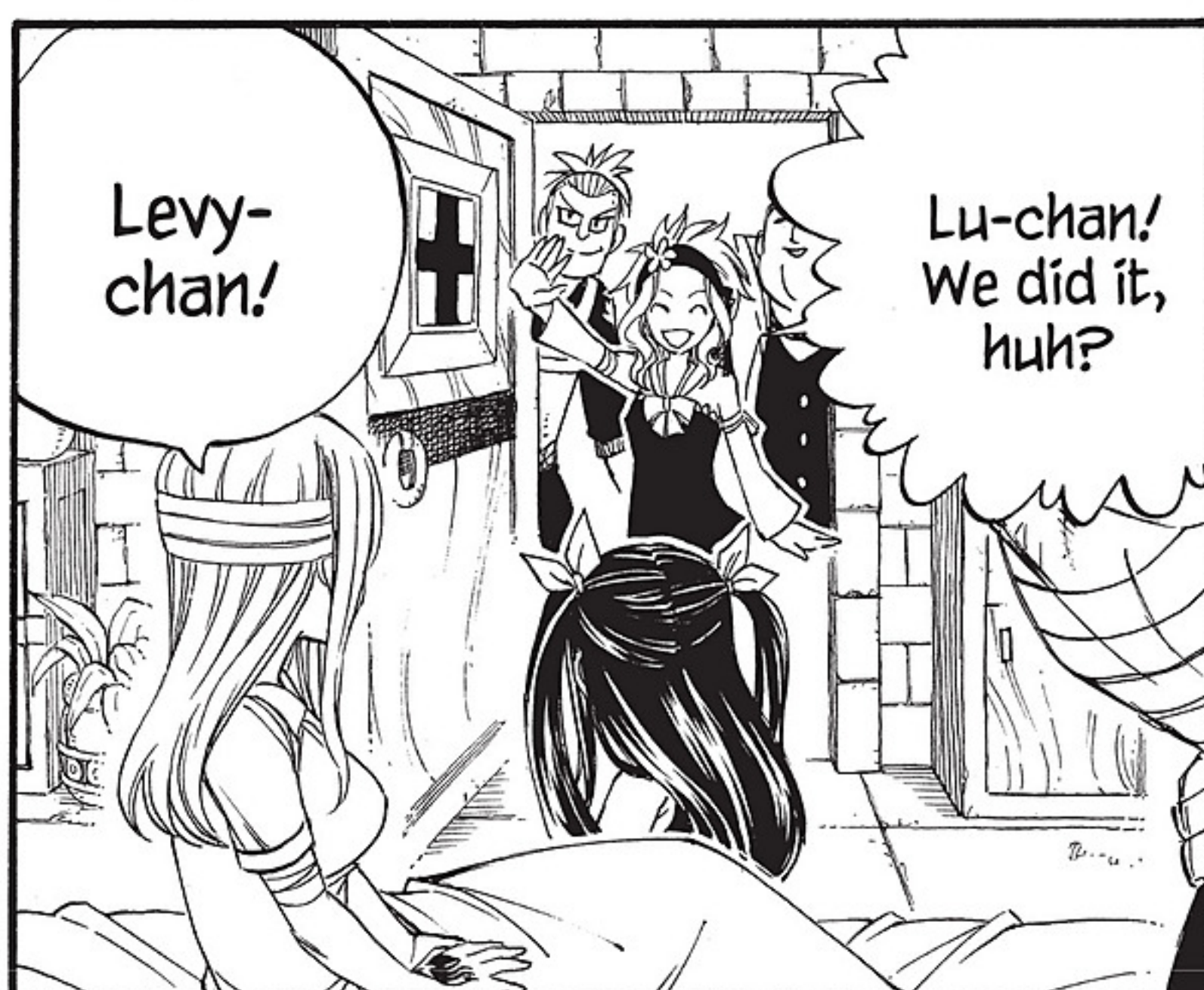
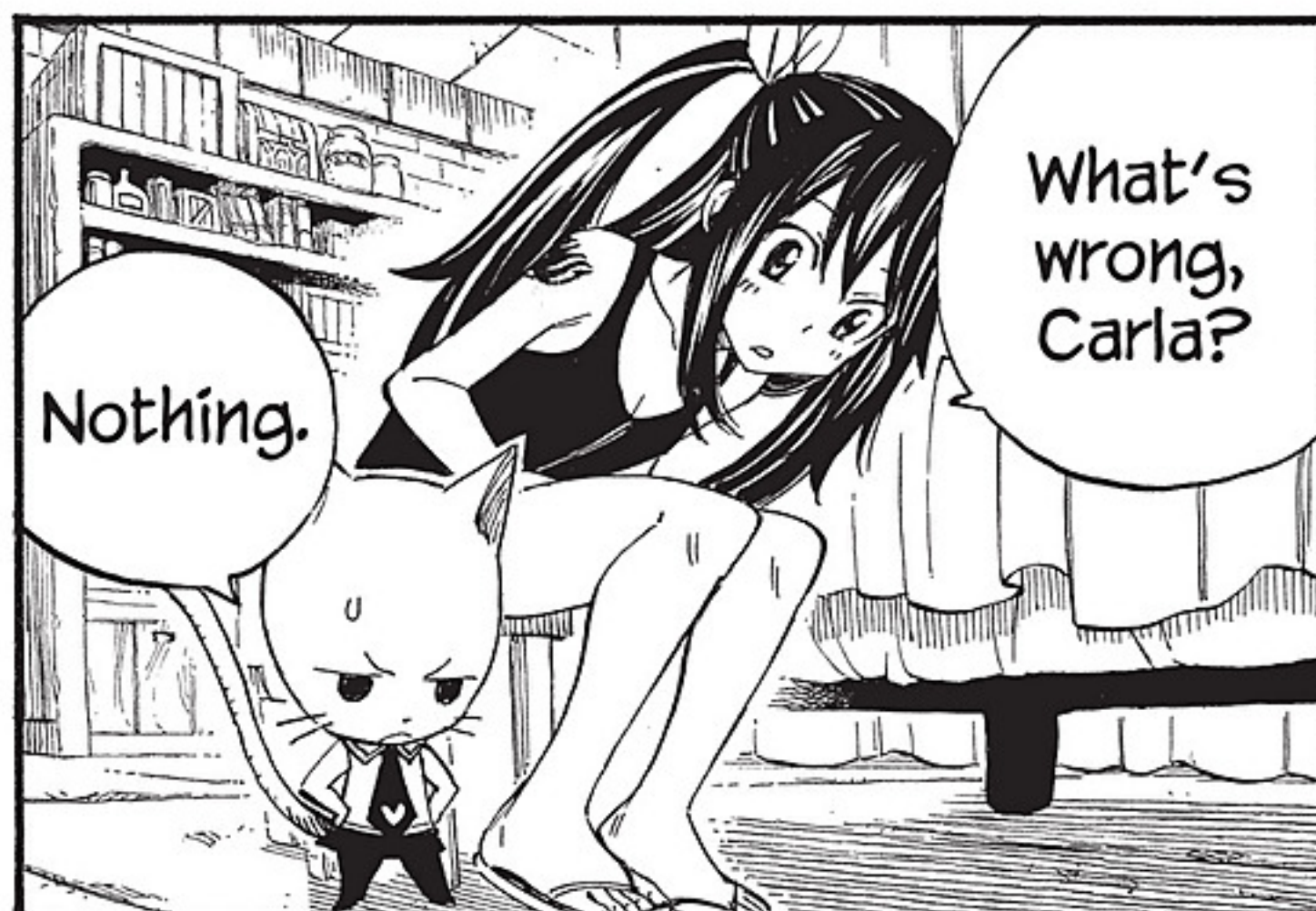
...
grave-
yard
?!!

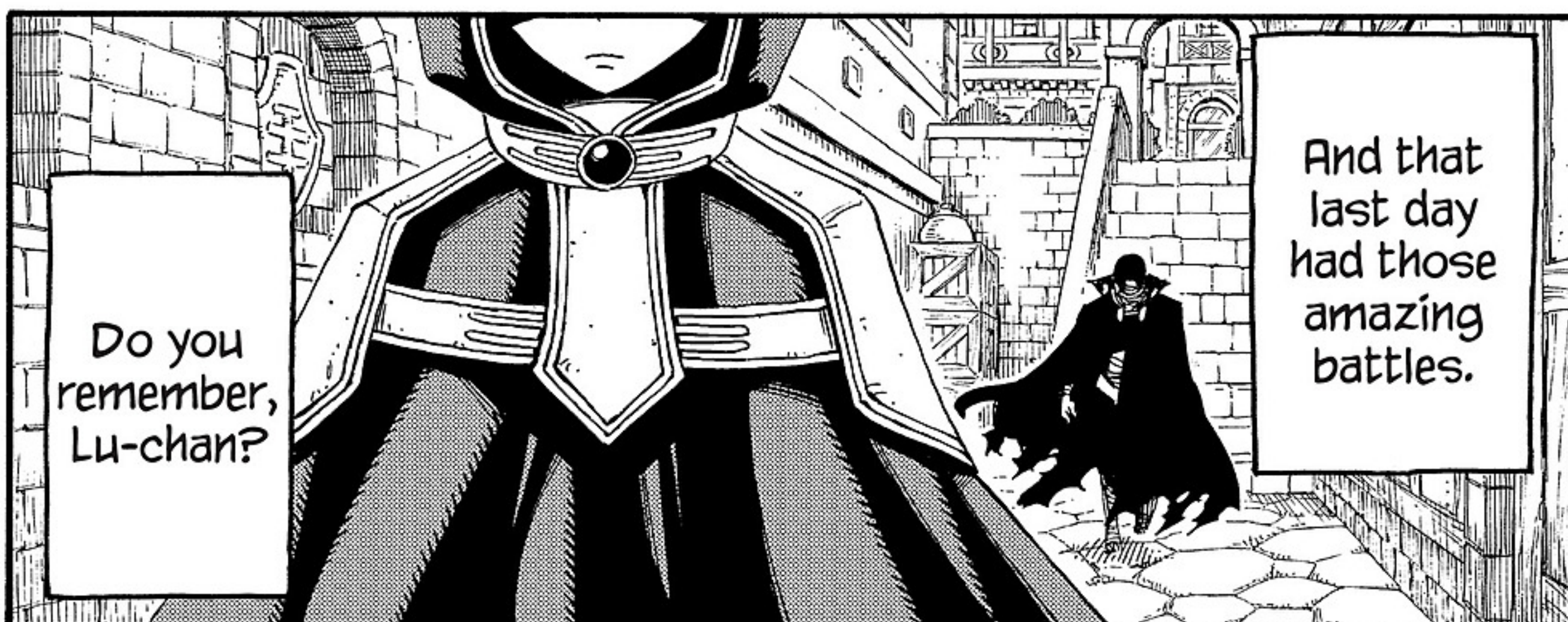
A
dragon
...



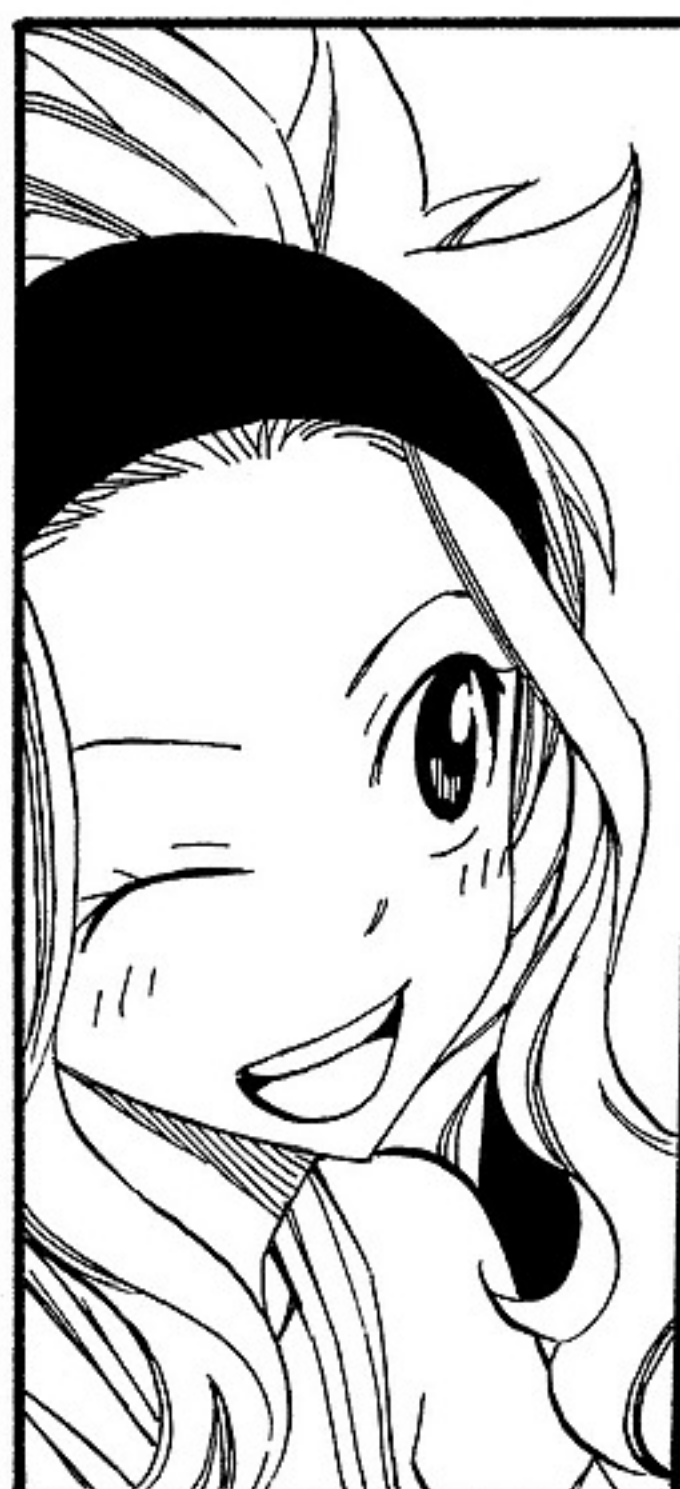


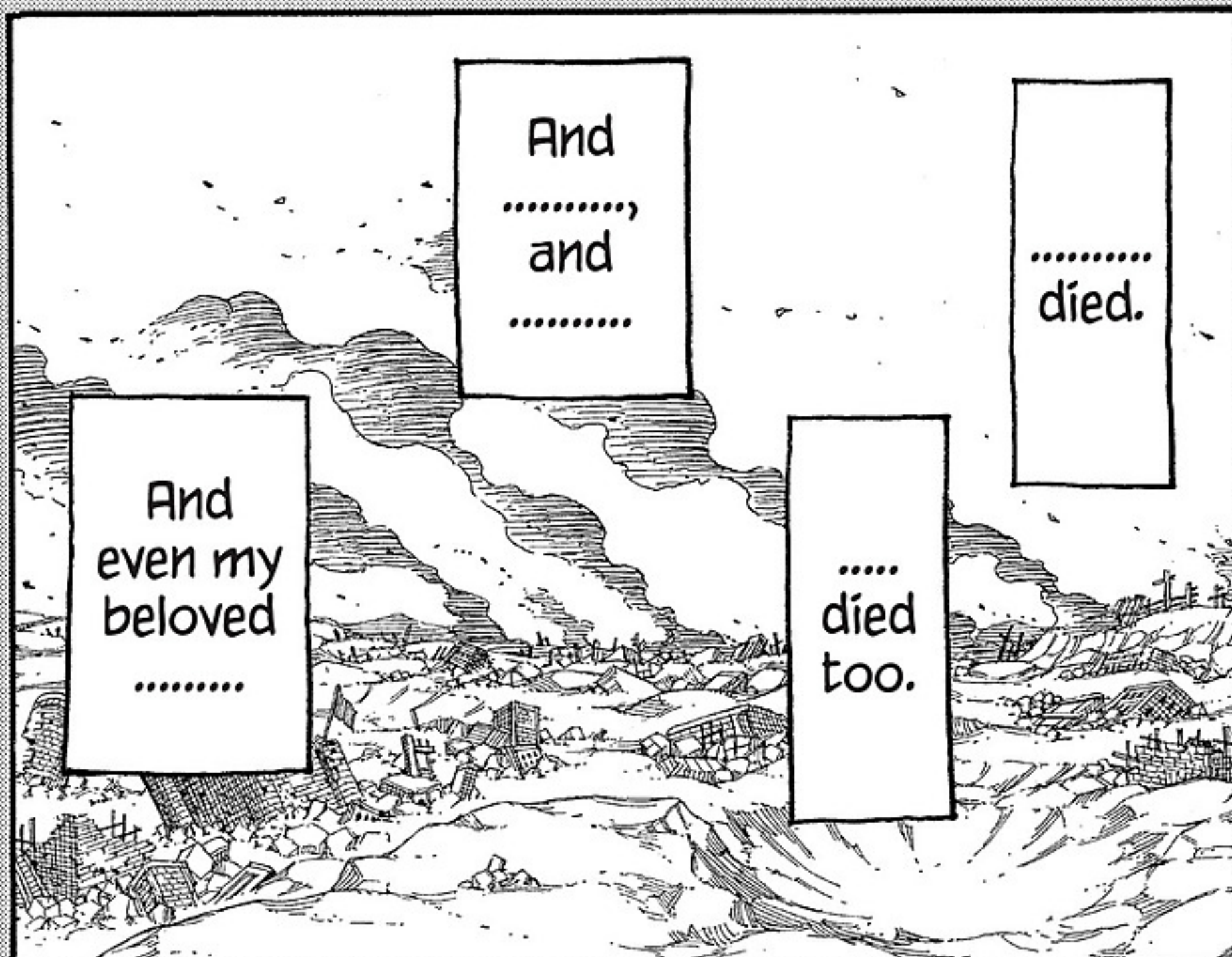


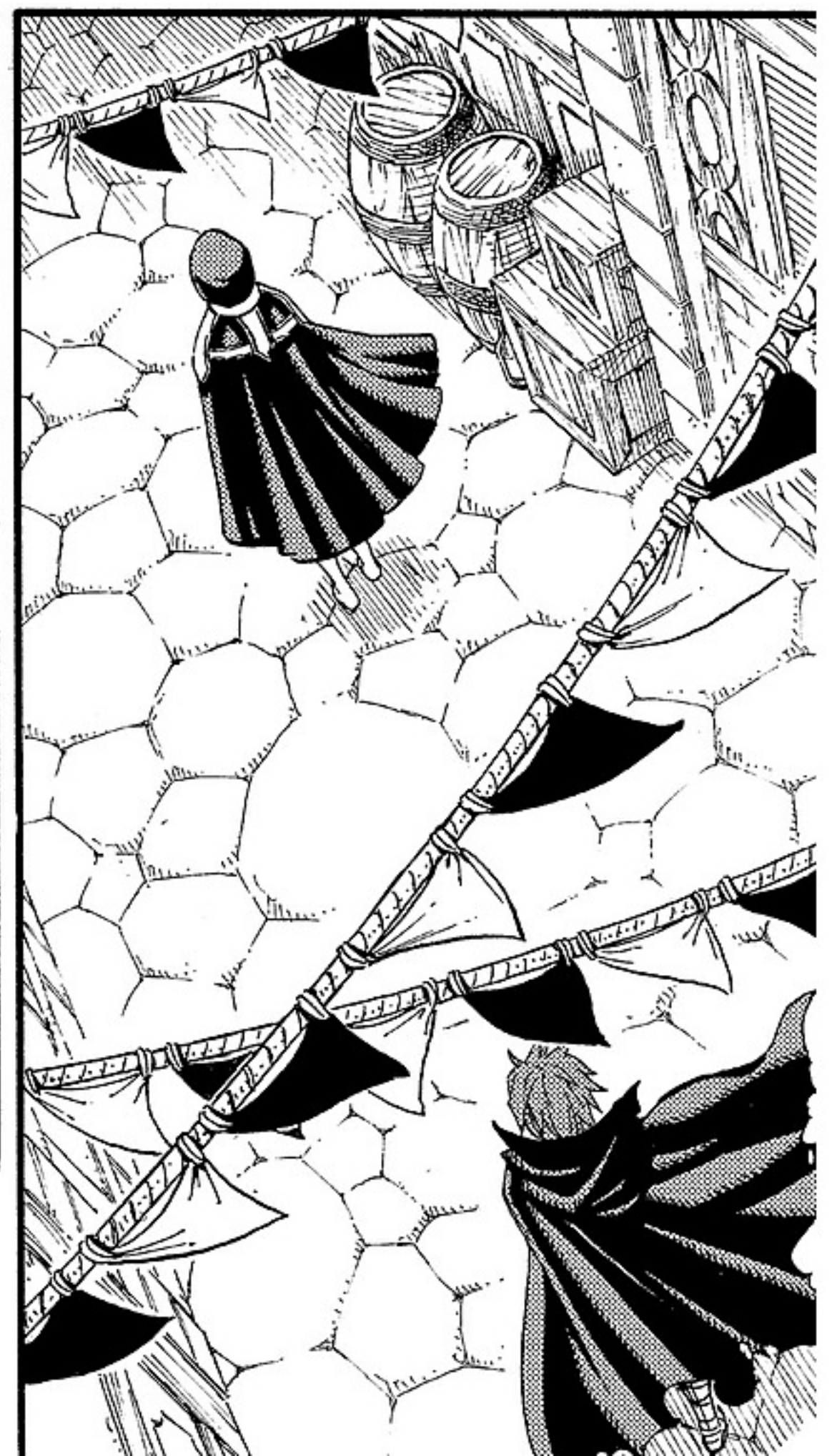
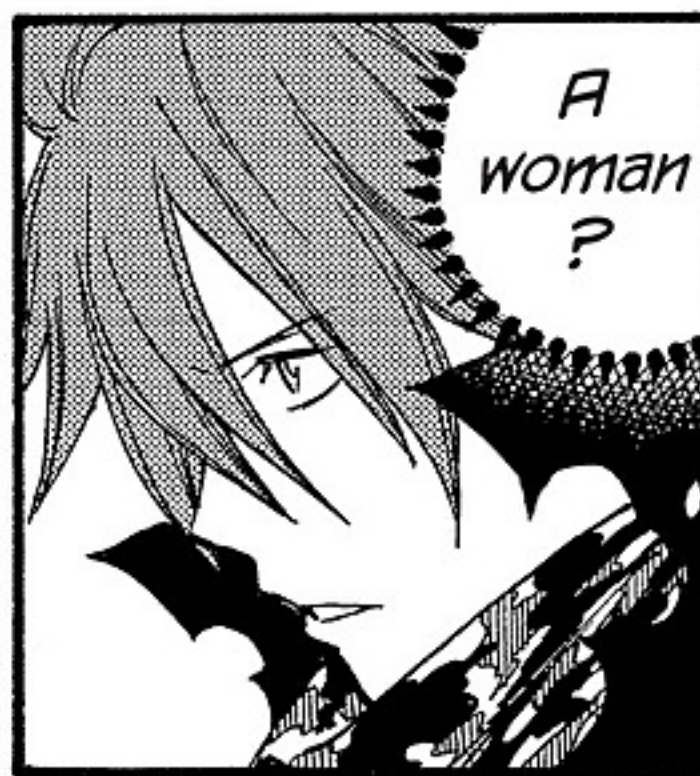
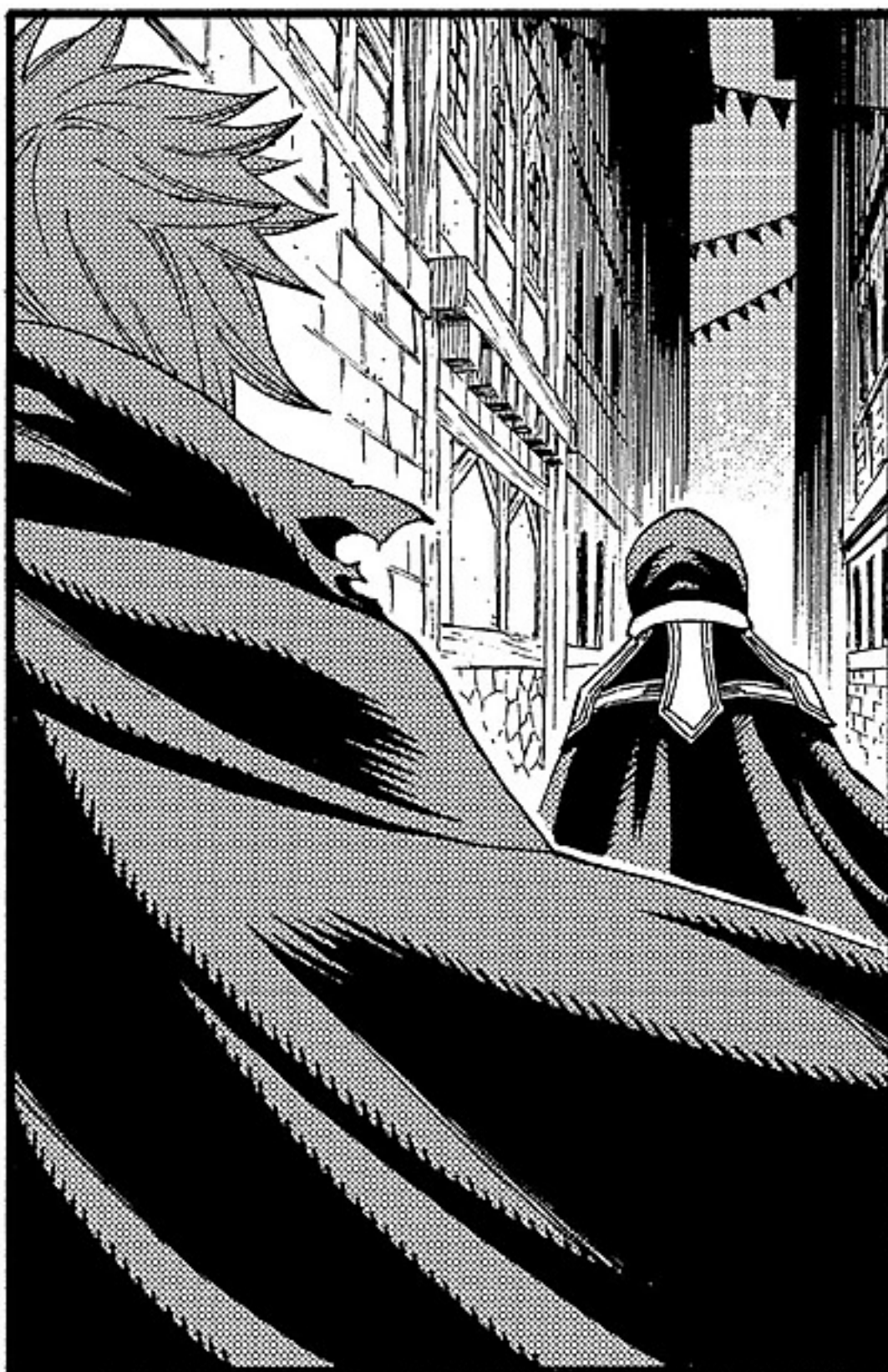
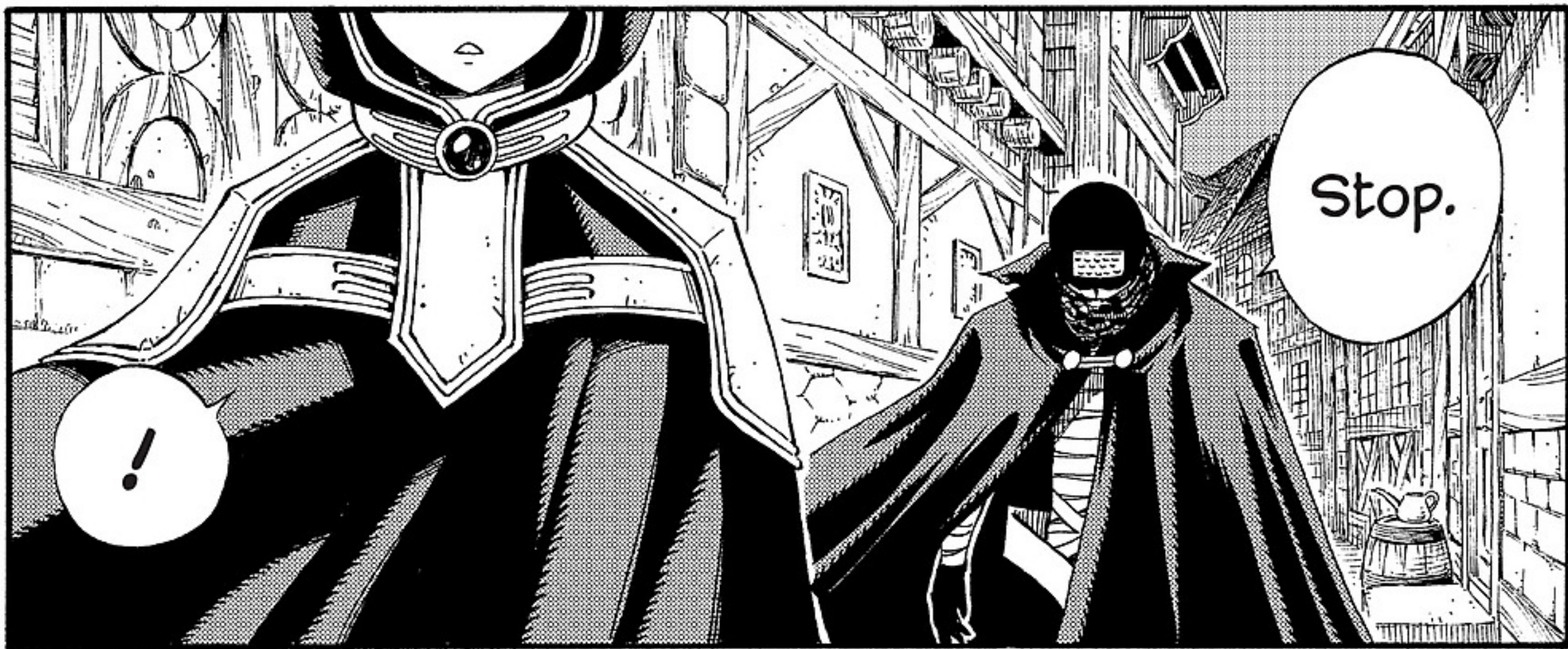


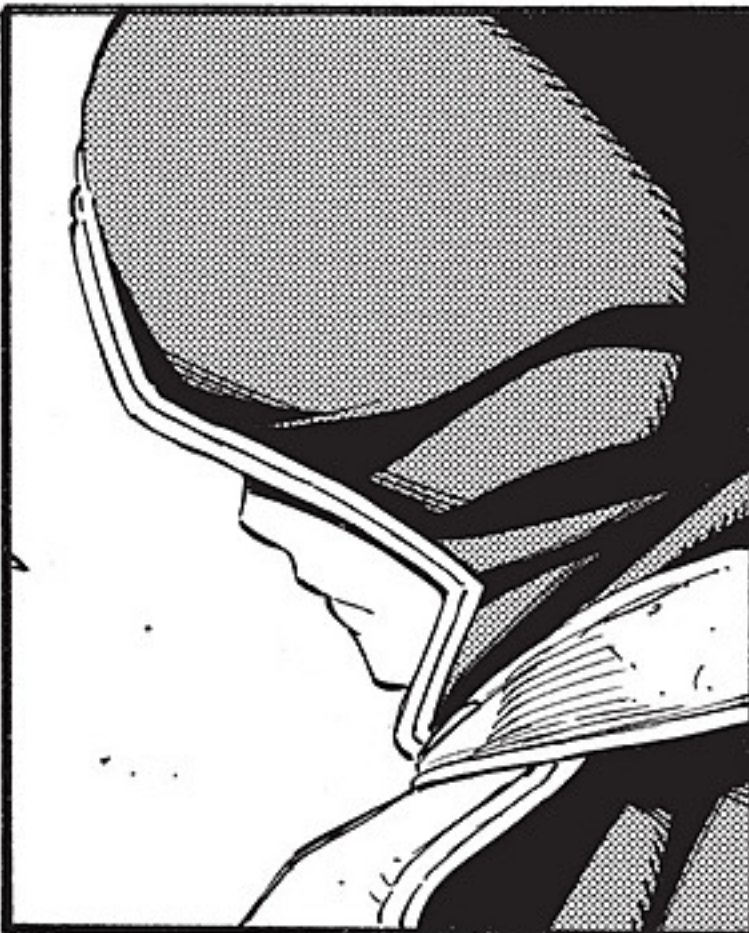
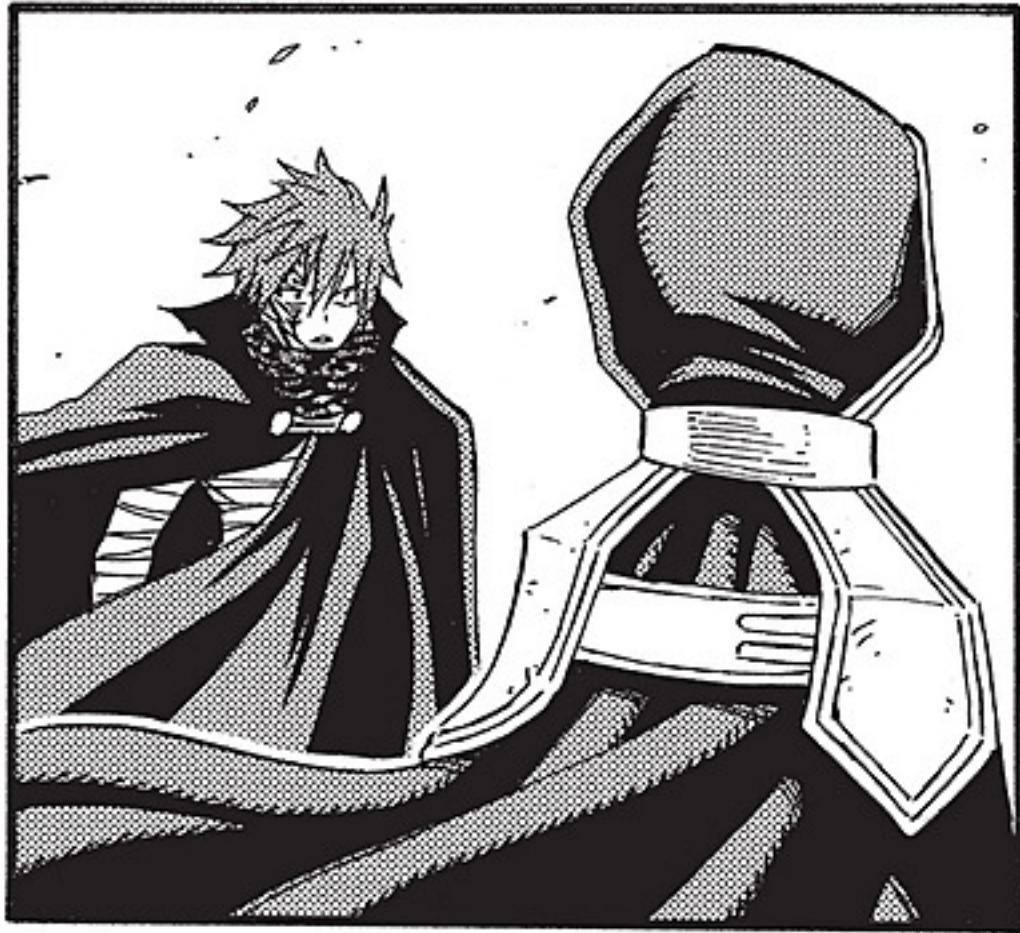


**...lost
to that
word...
"Fate."**









...!!!

It
couldn't
be...
!!!!

FAIRY TAIL

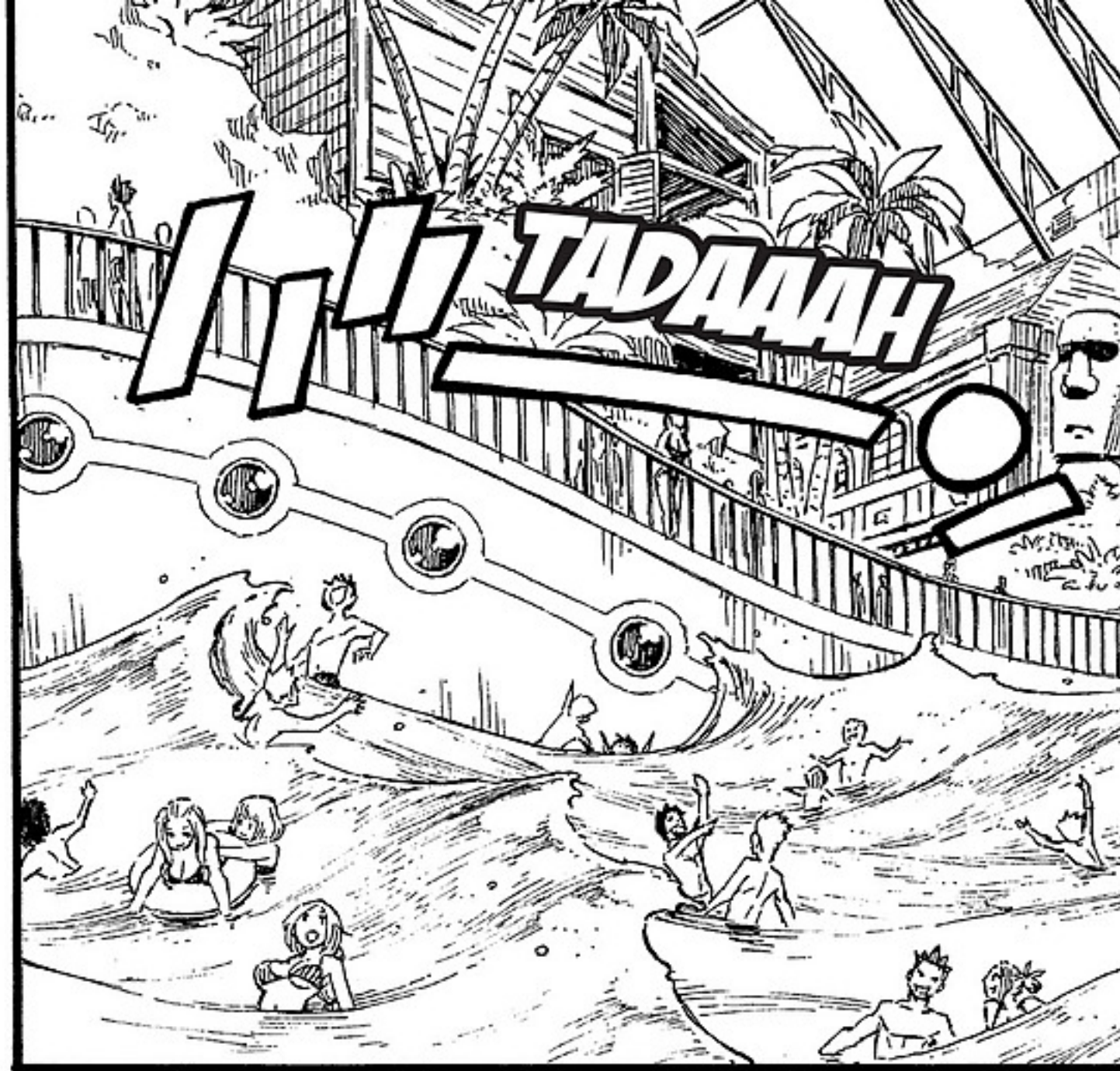
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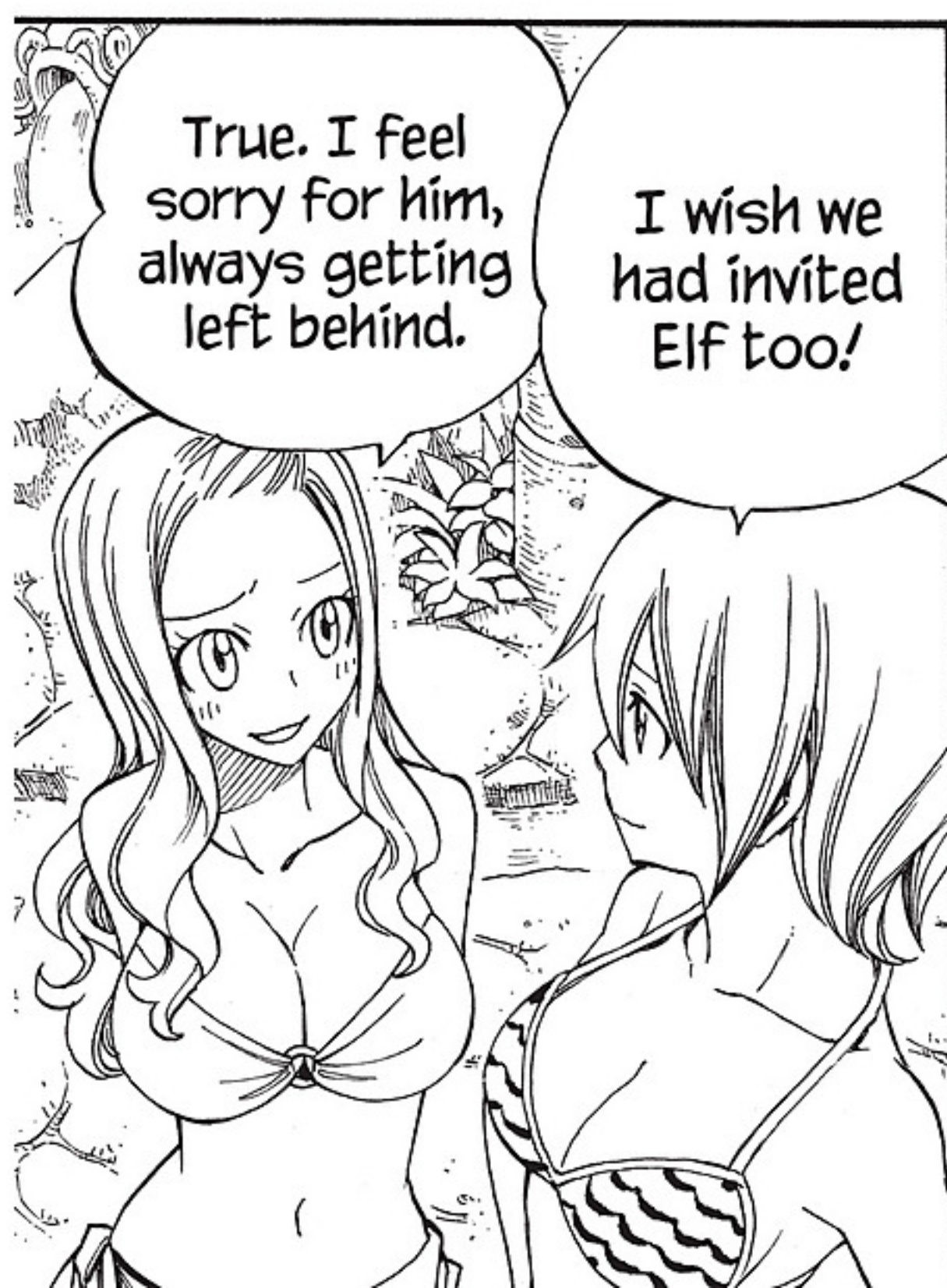
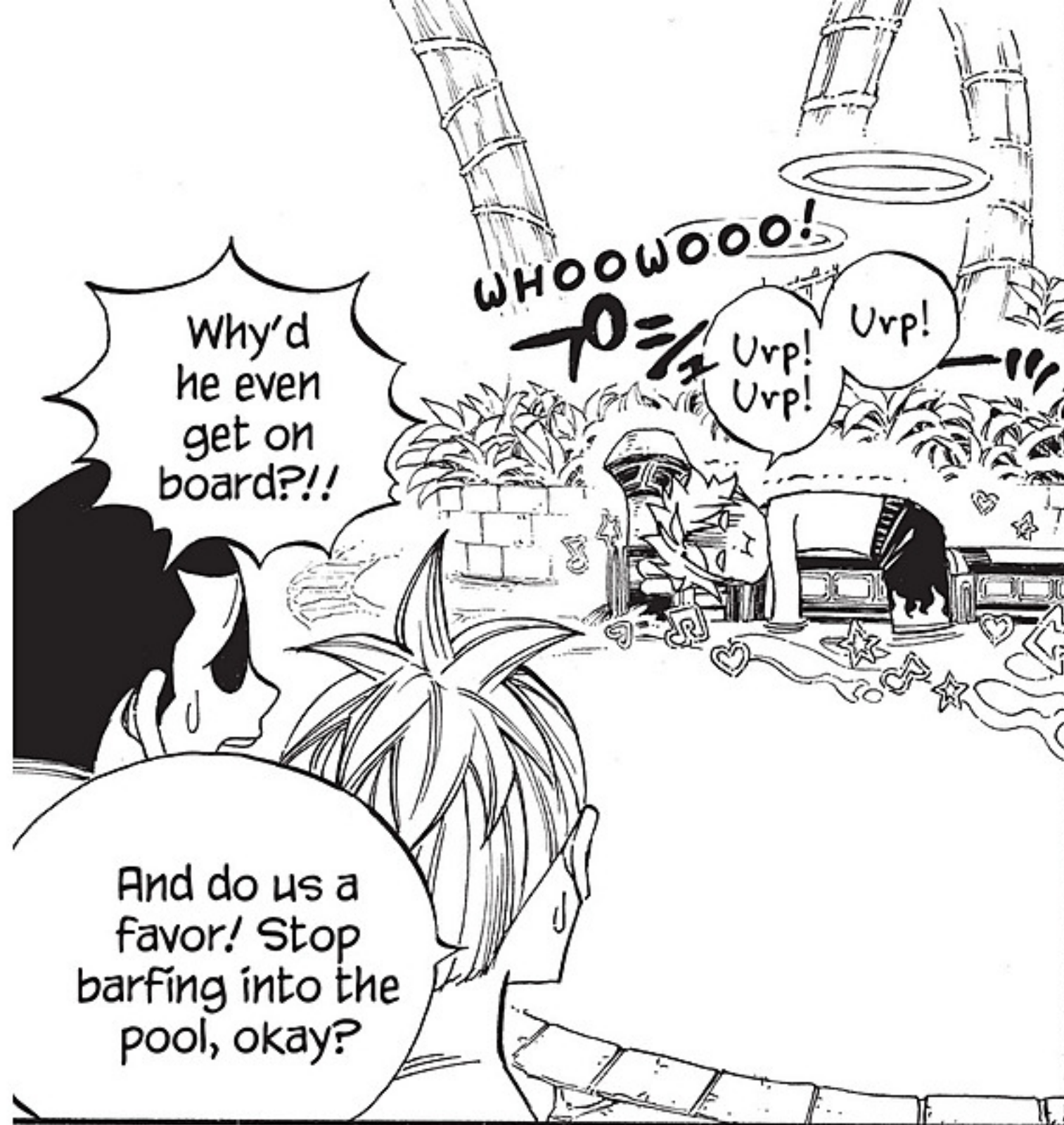
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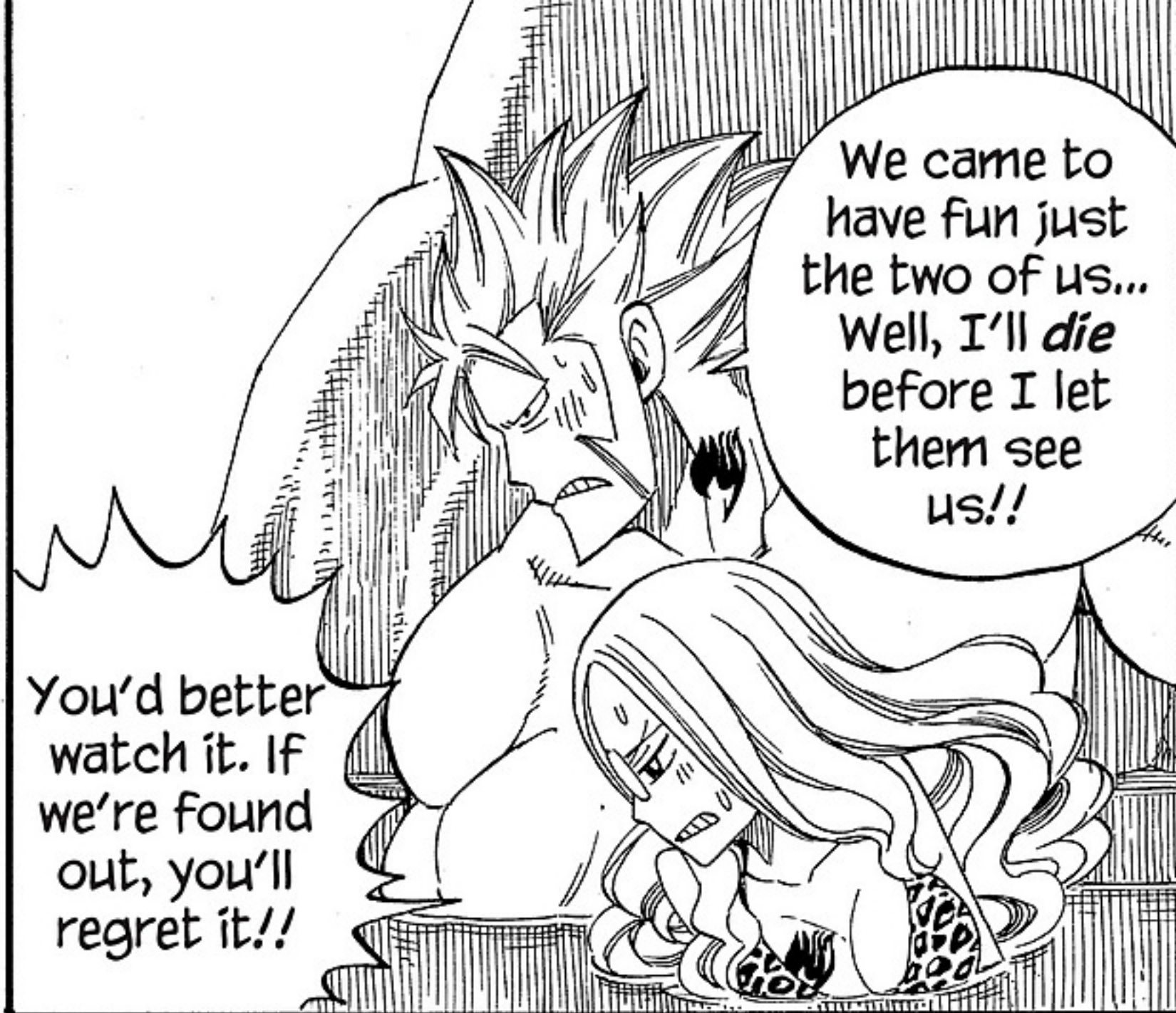


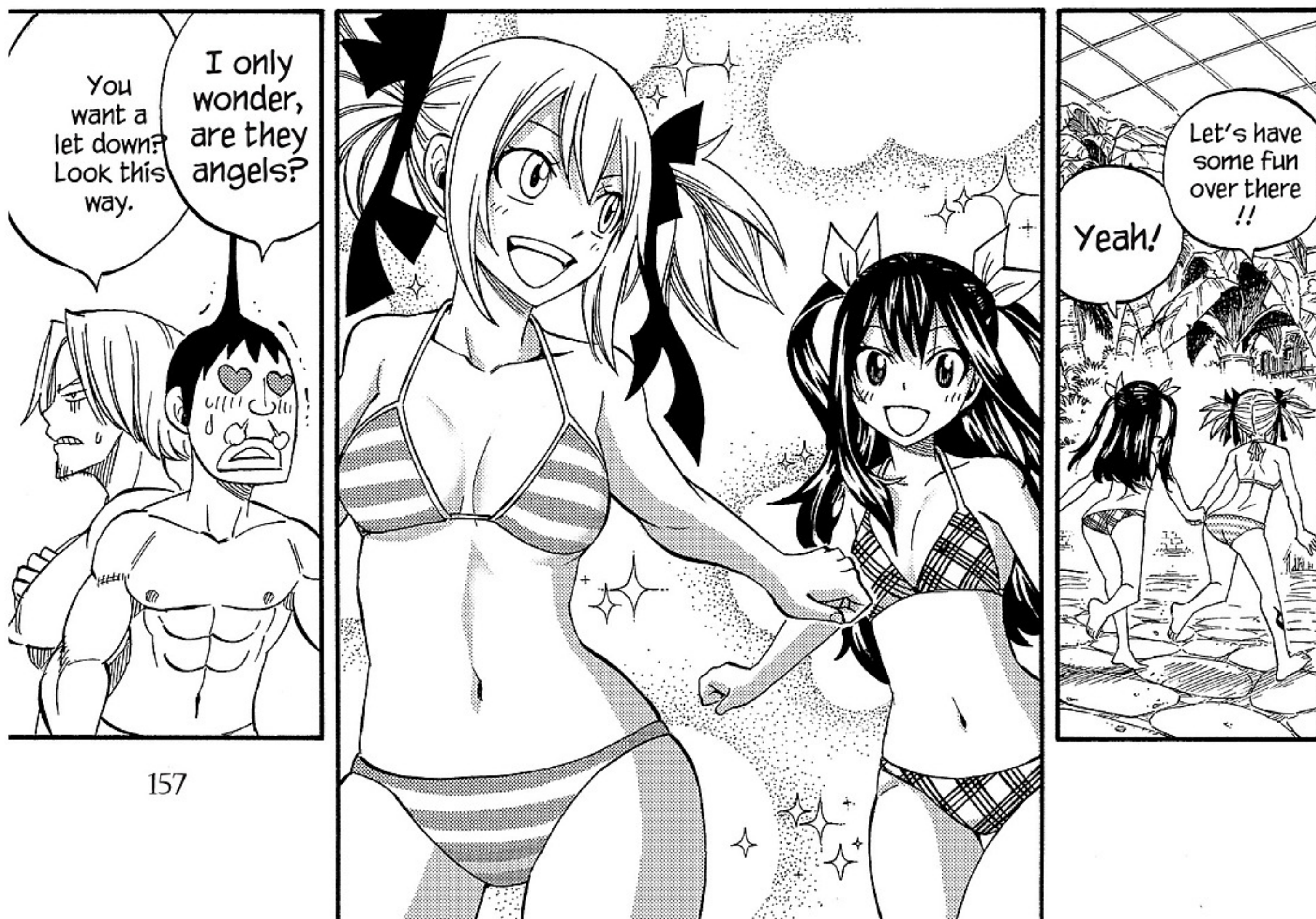
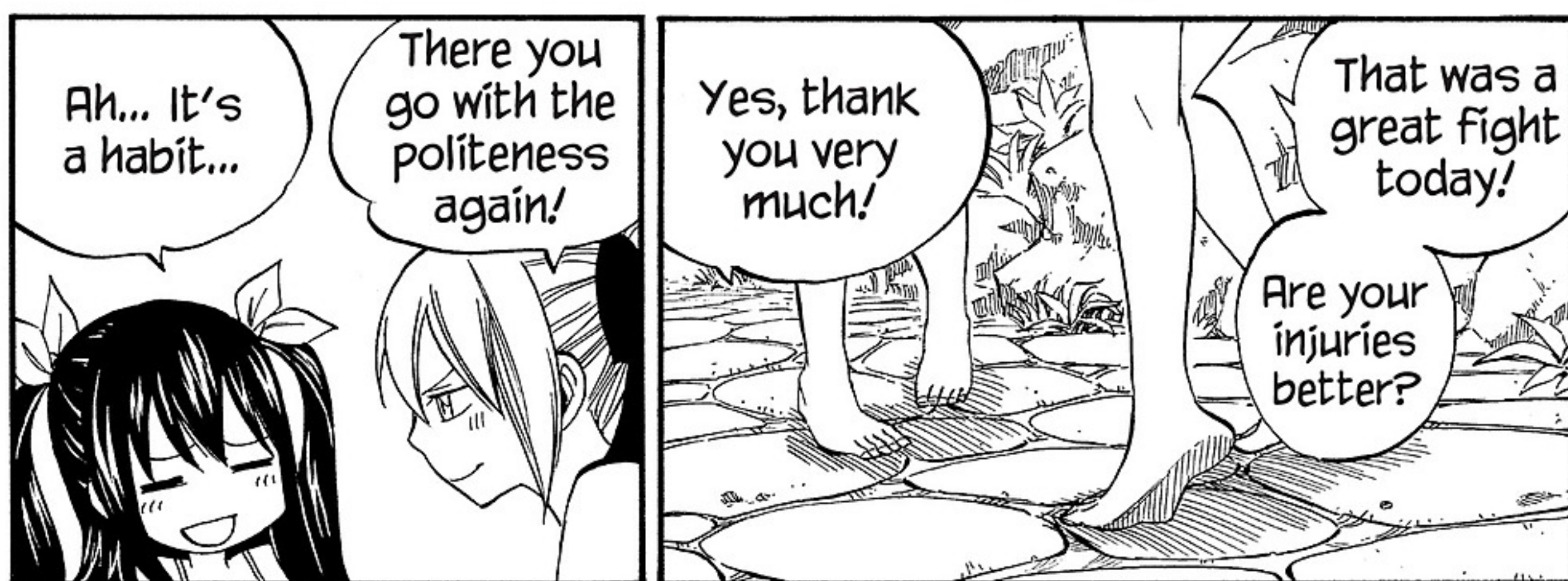
**TO BE
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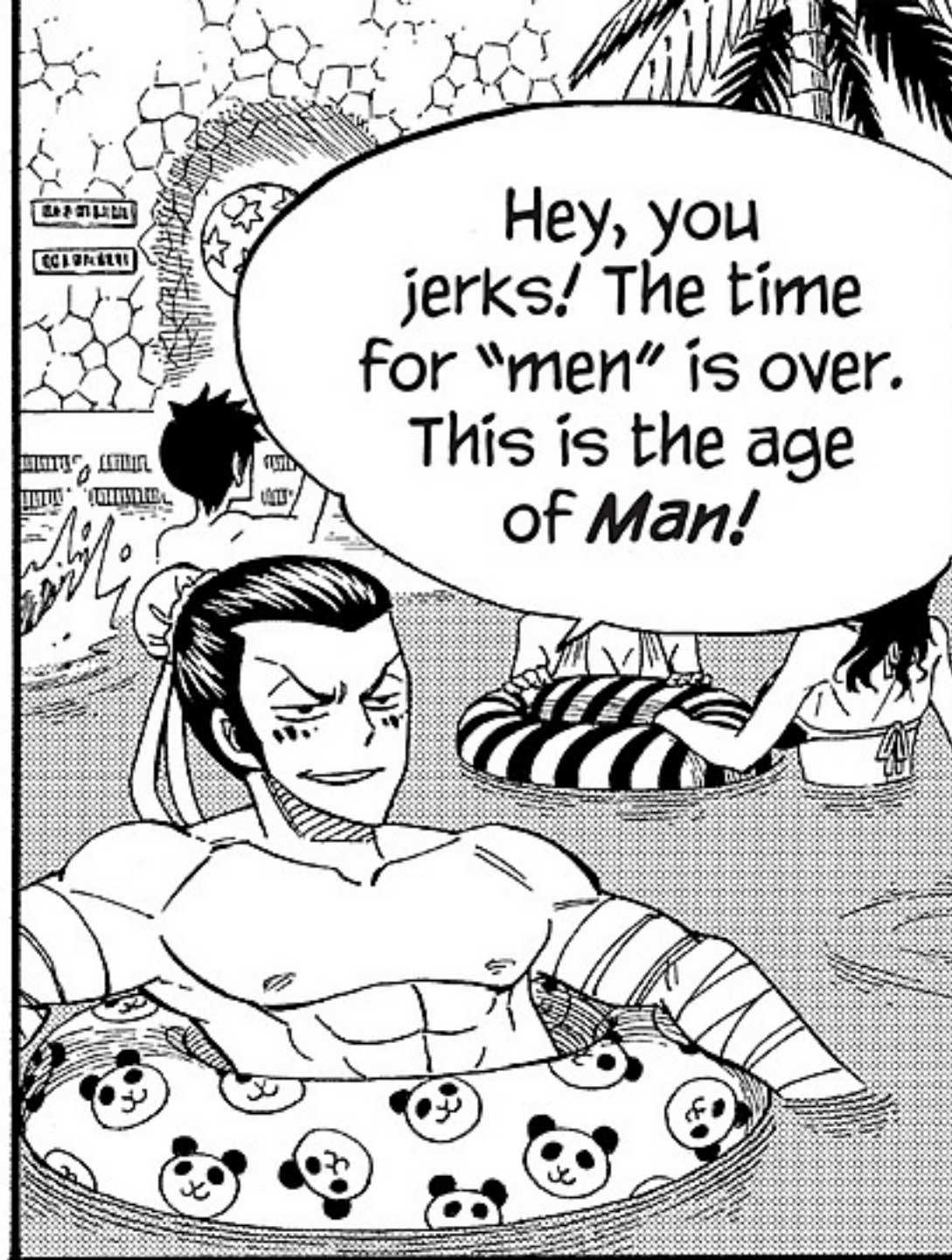












Hey, you jerks! The time for "men" is over. This is the age of *Man*!



Fwoooo
!!!!

Men always have to be *wild*!!

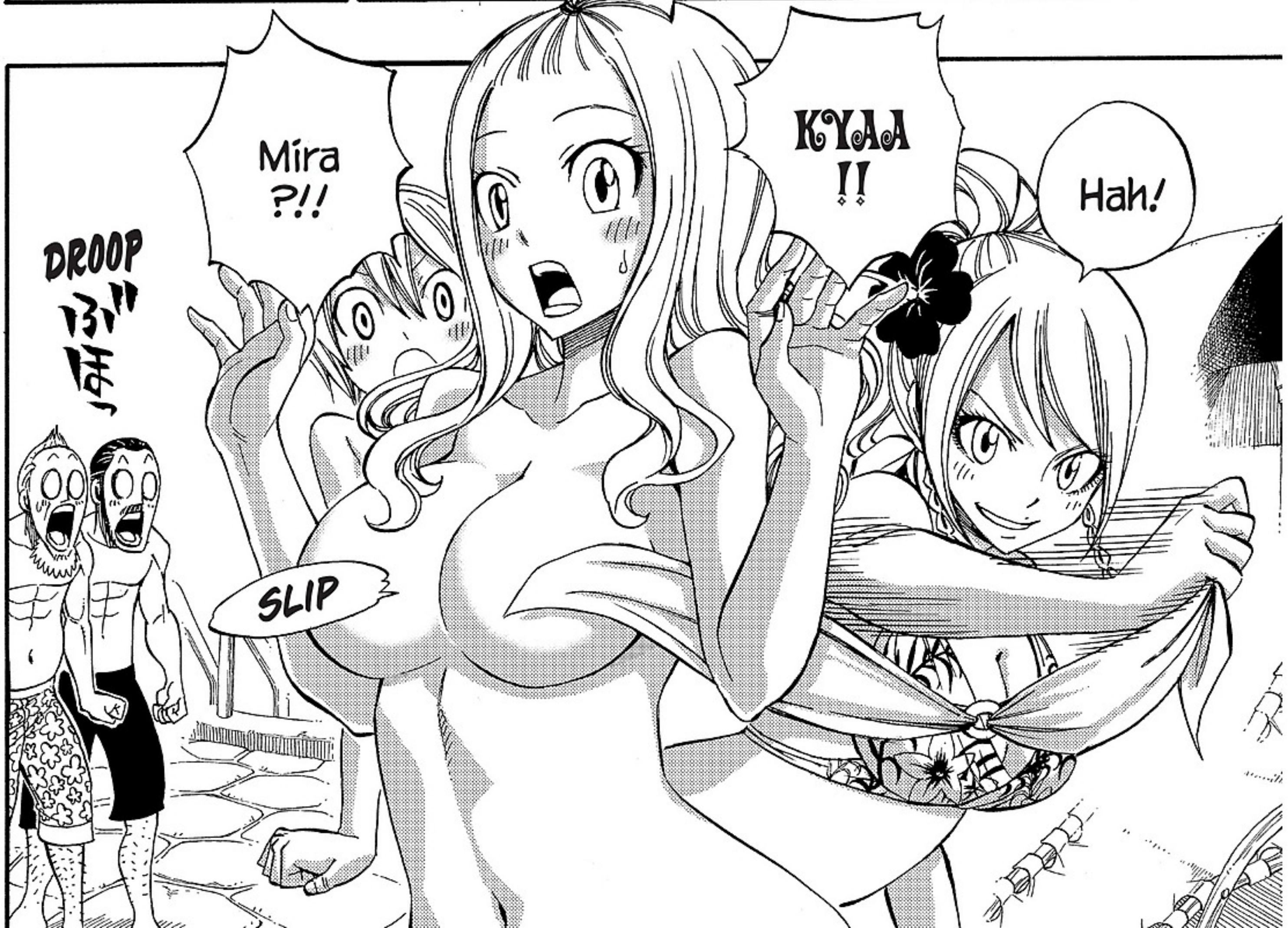
...Ew.



We've heard that so many times we're sick of it!

Yeah, yeah. He stole your good name, and went on a robbing spree as "Bacchus," right?

Speaking of a *man*, I had this guy I was looking after named Keith, and...



Mira
?!!

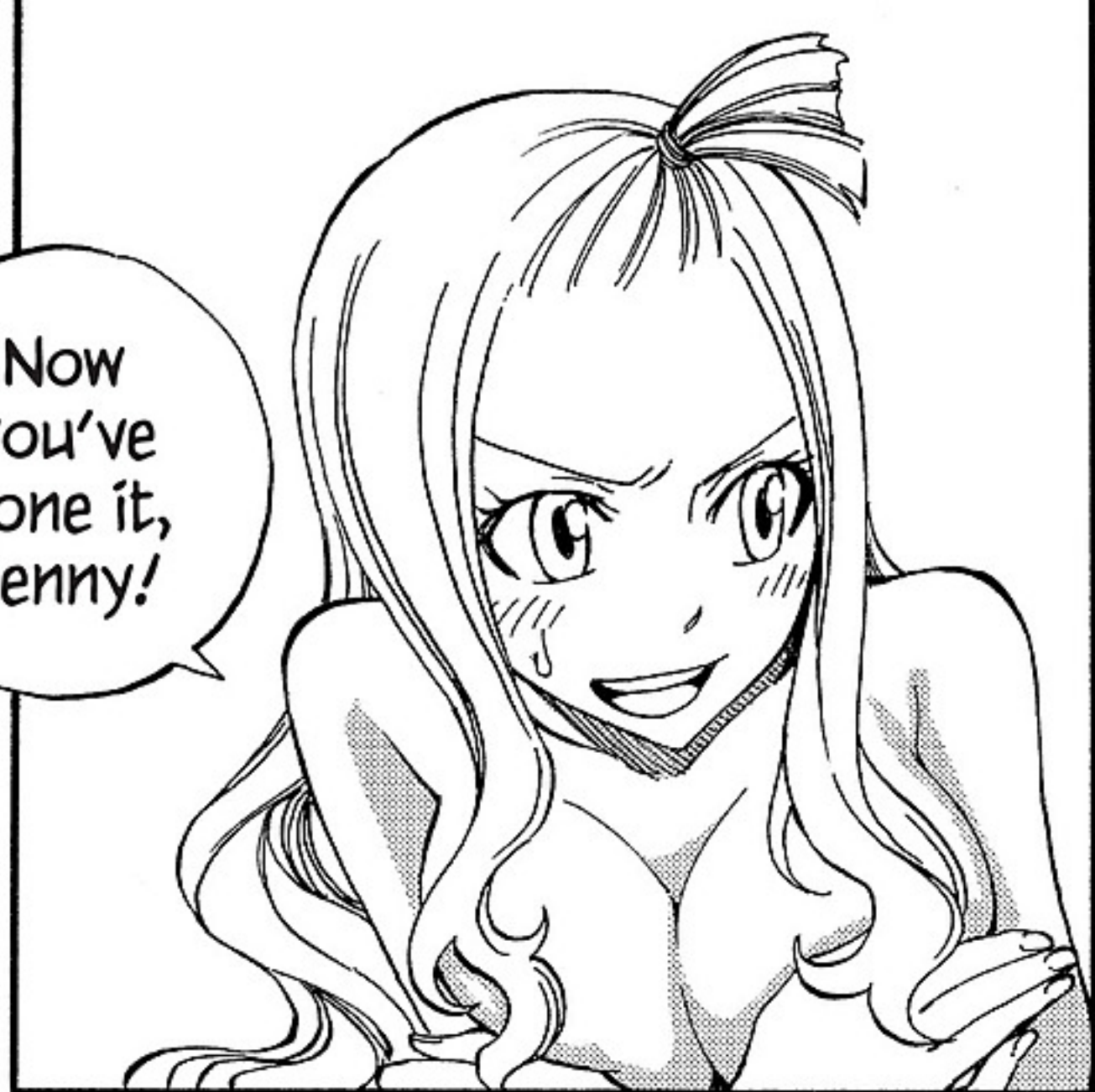
KYAAA
!!

Hah!

DROOP
!!

SLIP

Now
you've
done it,
Jenny!



That's
payback
for yester-
day! You
completely
humiliated
me out
there!

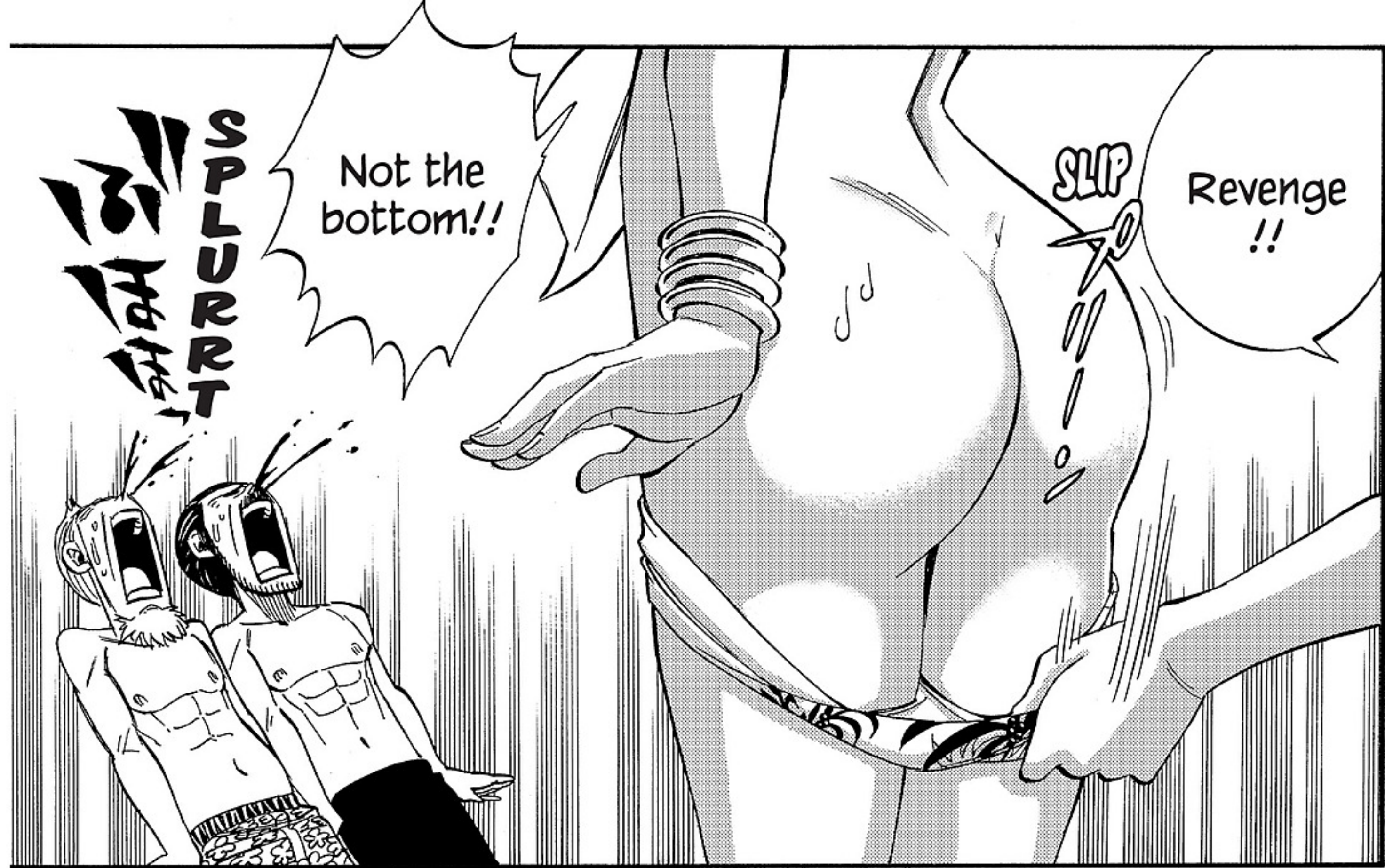


SPLURT
HA HA

Not the
bottom!!

SLIP

Revenge
!!

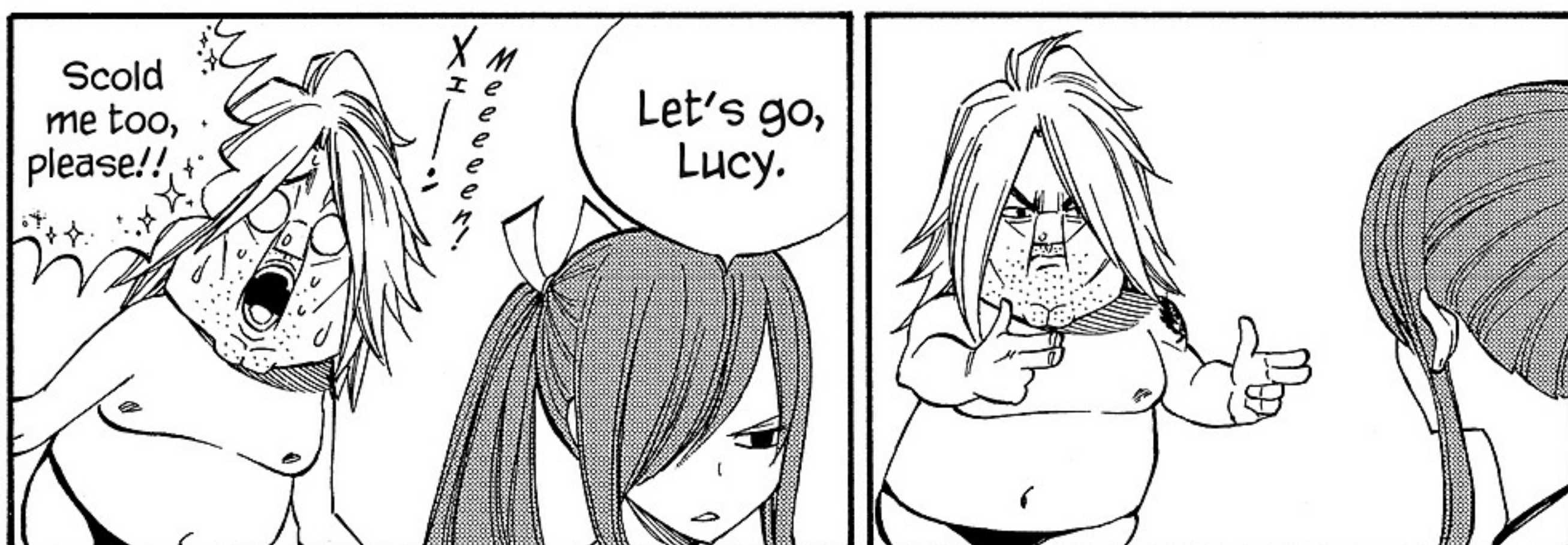
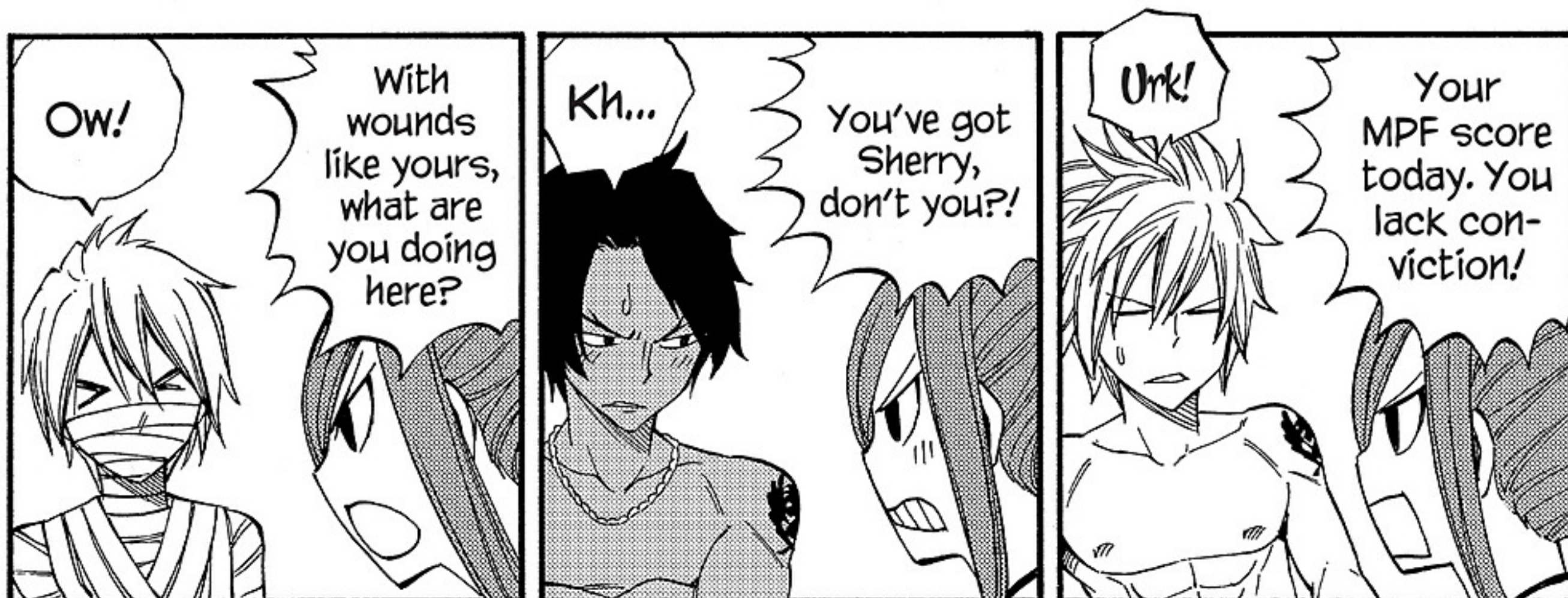


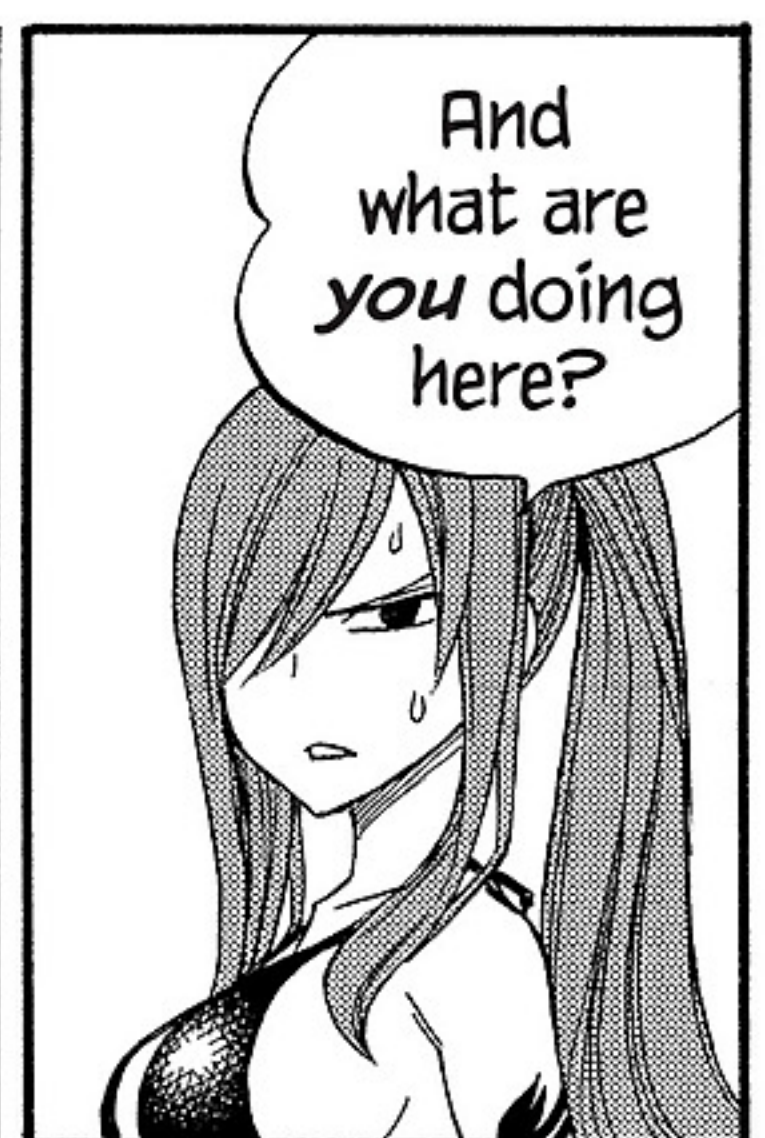
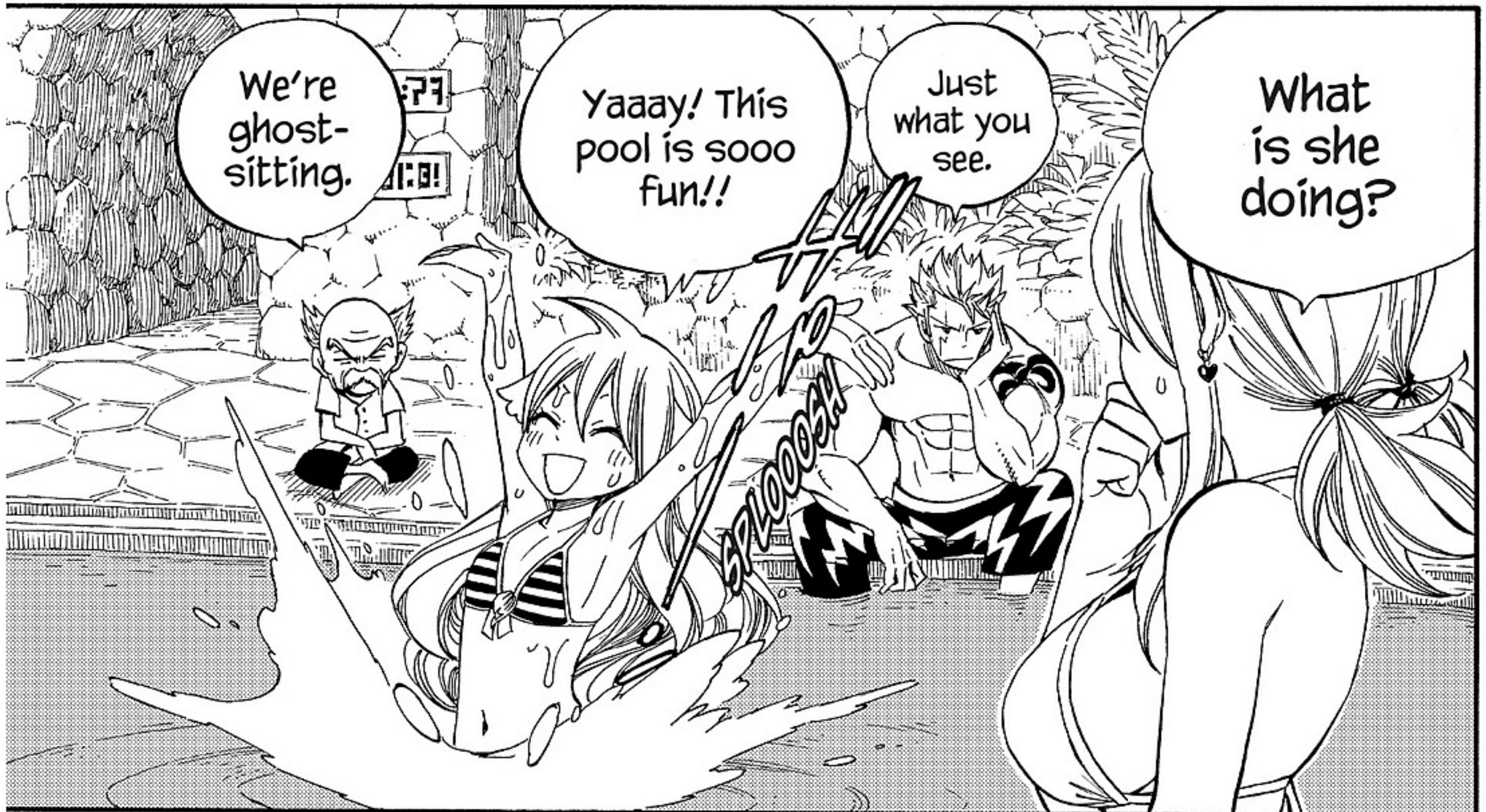
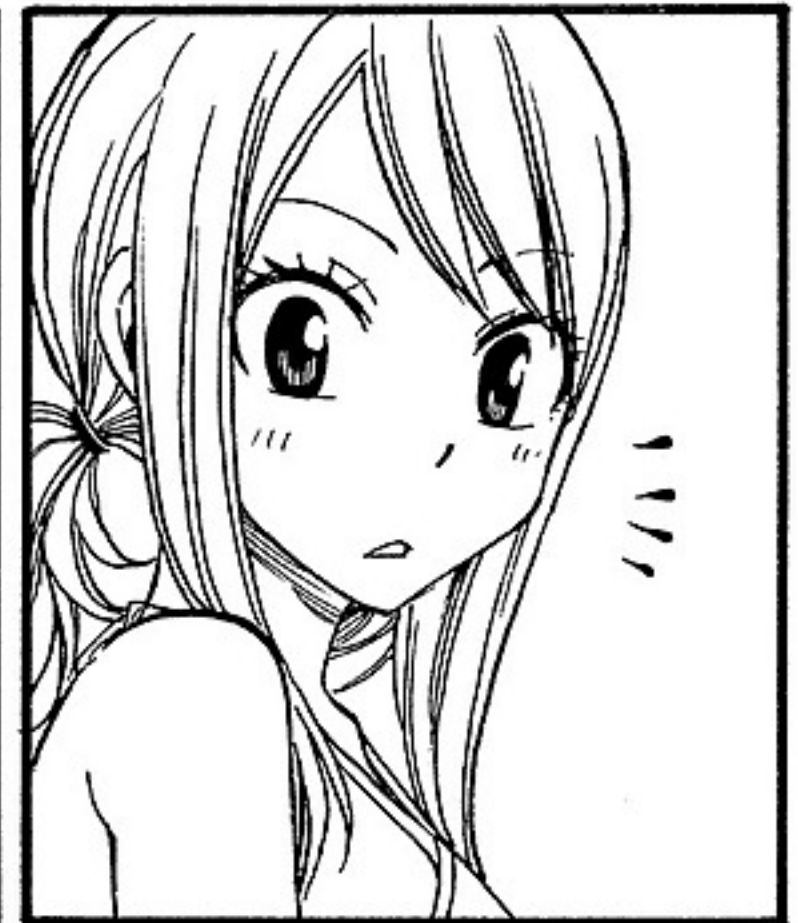
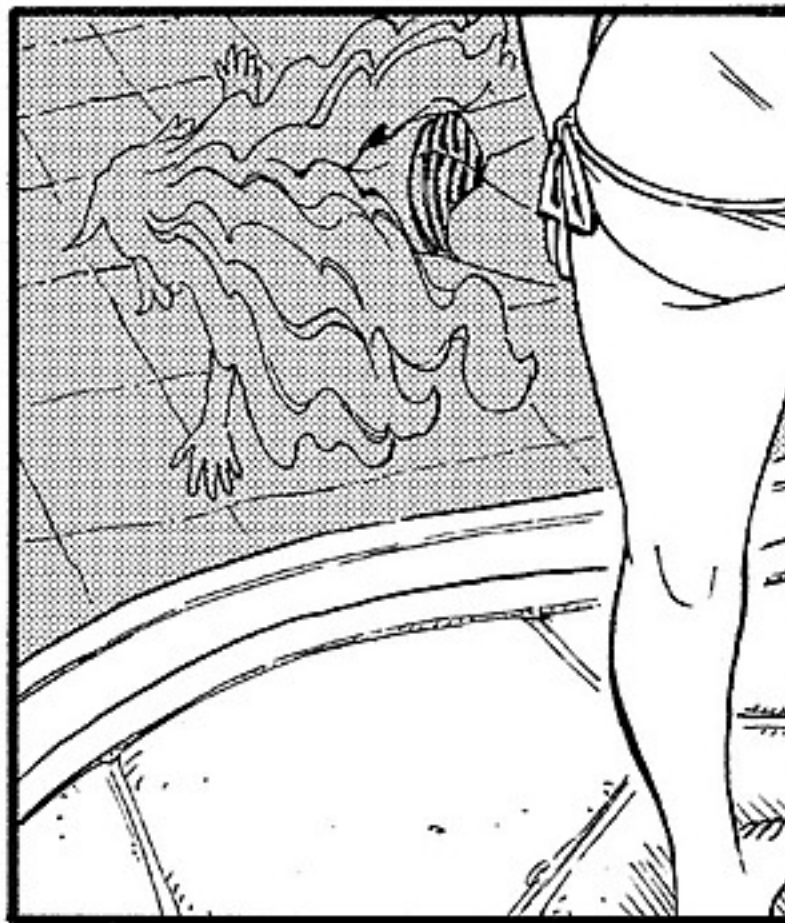
Yes,
Erza?

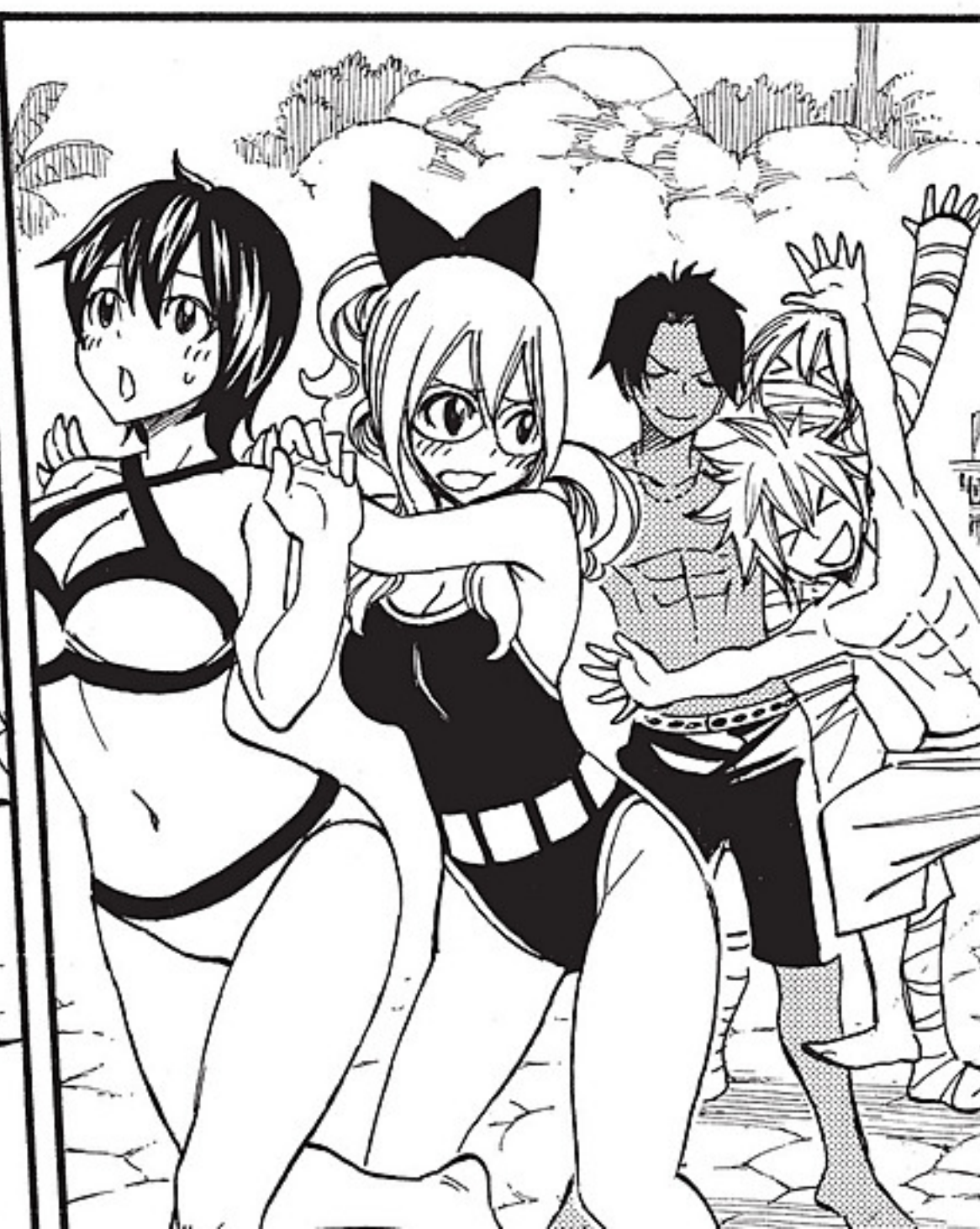
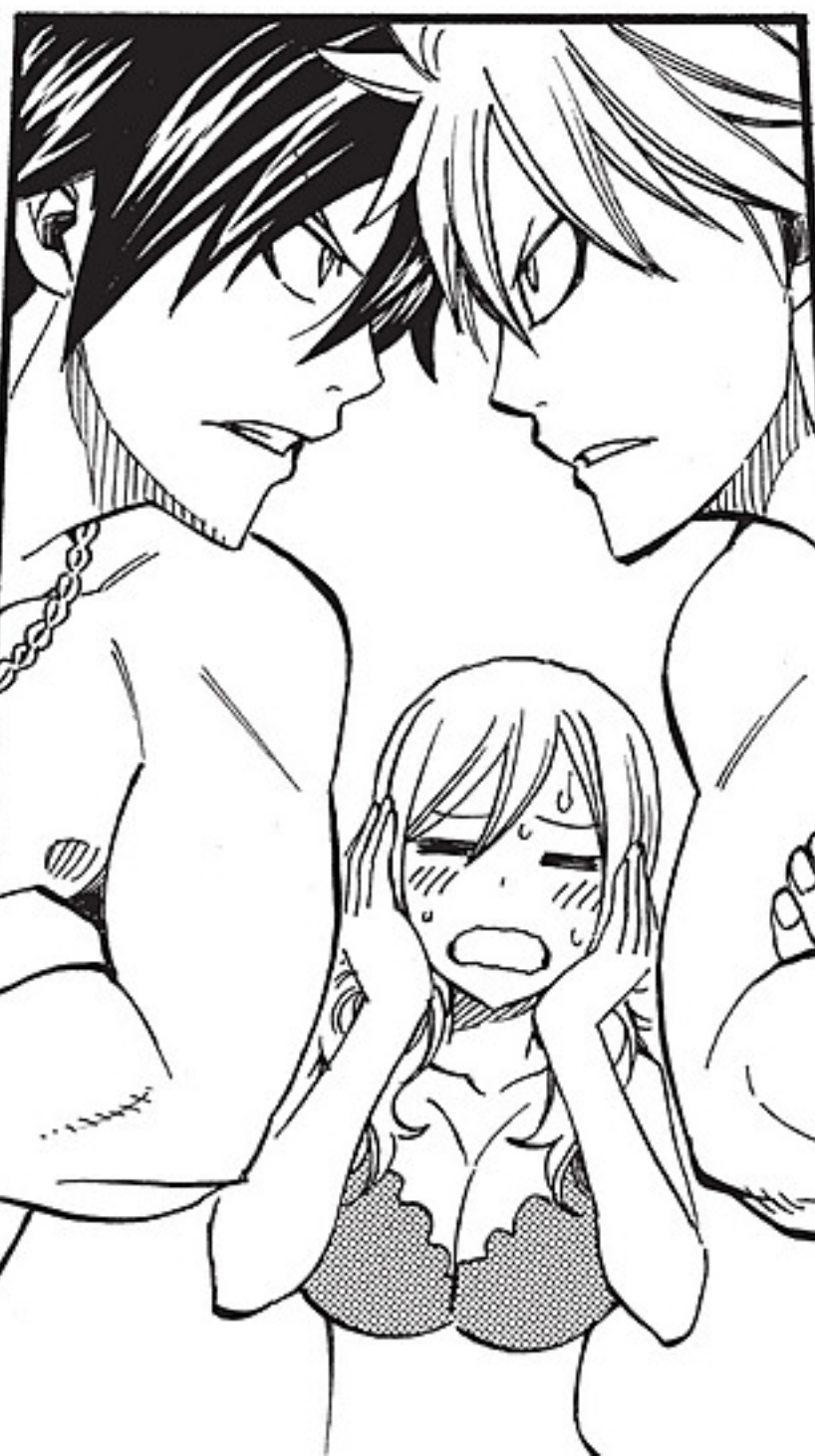
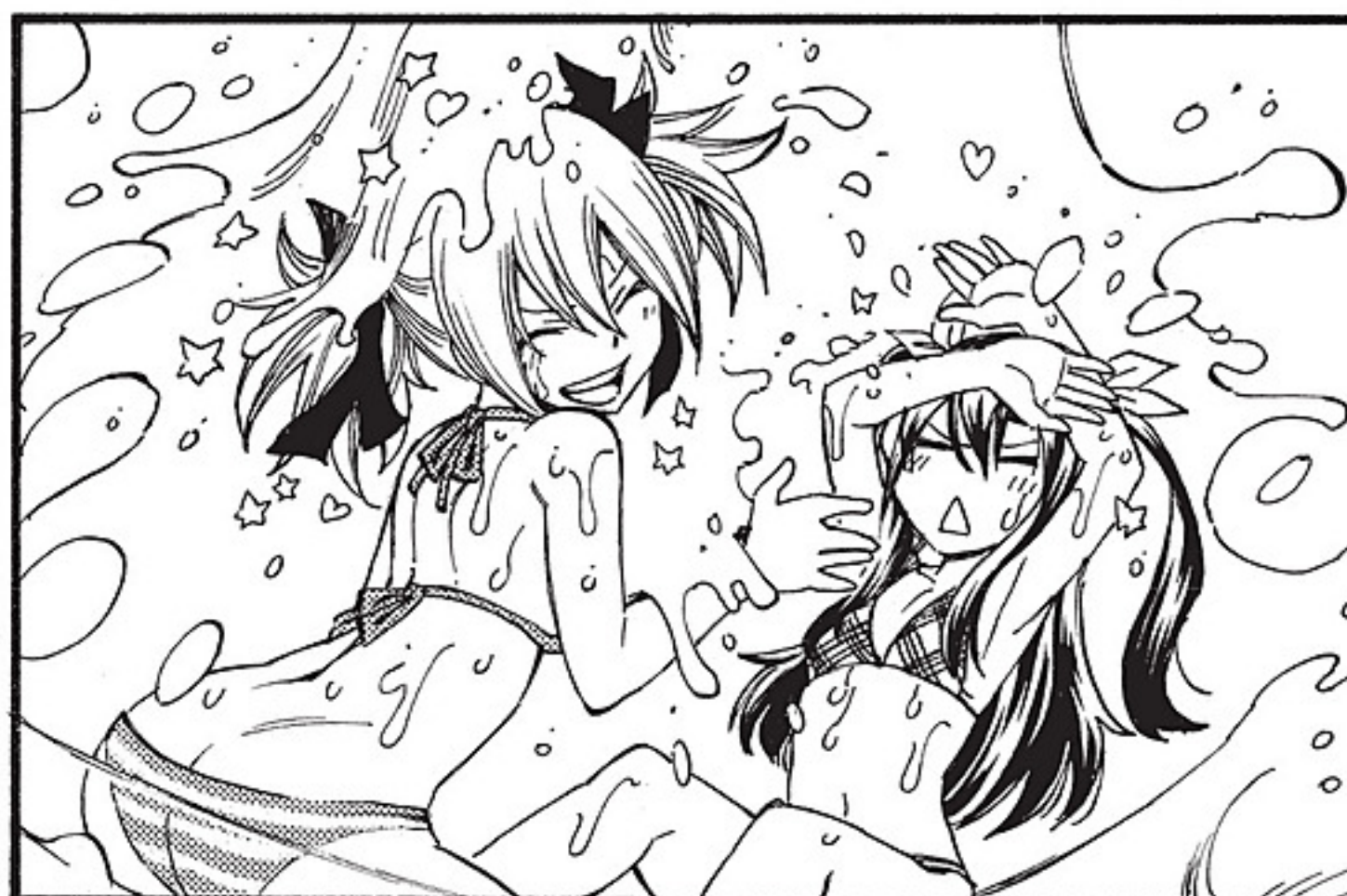
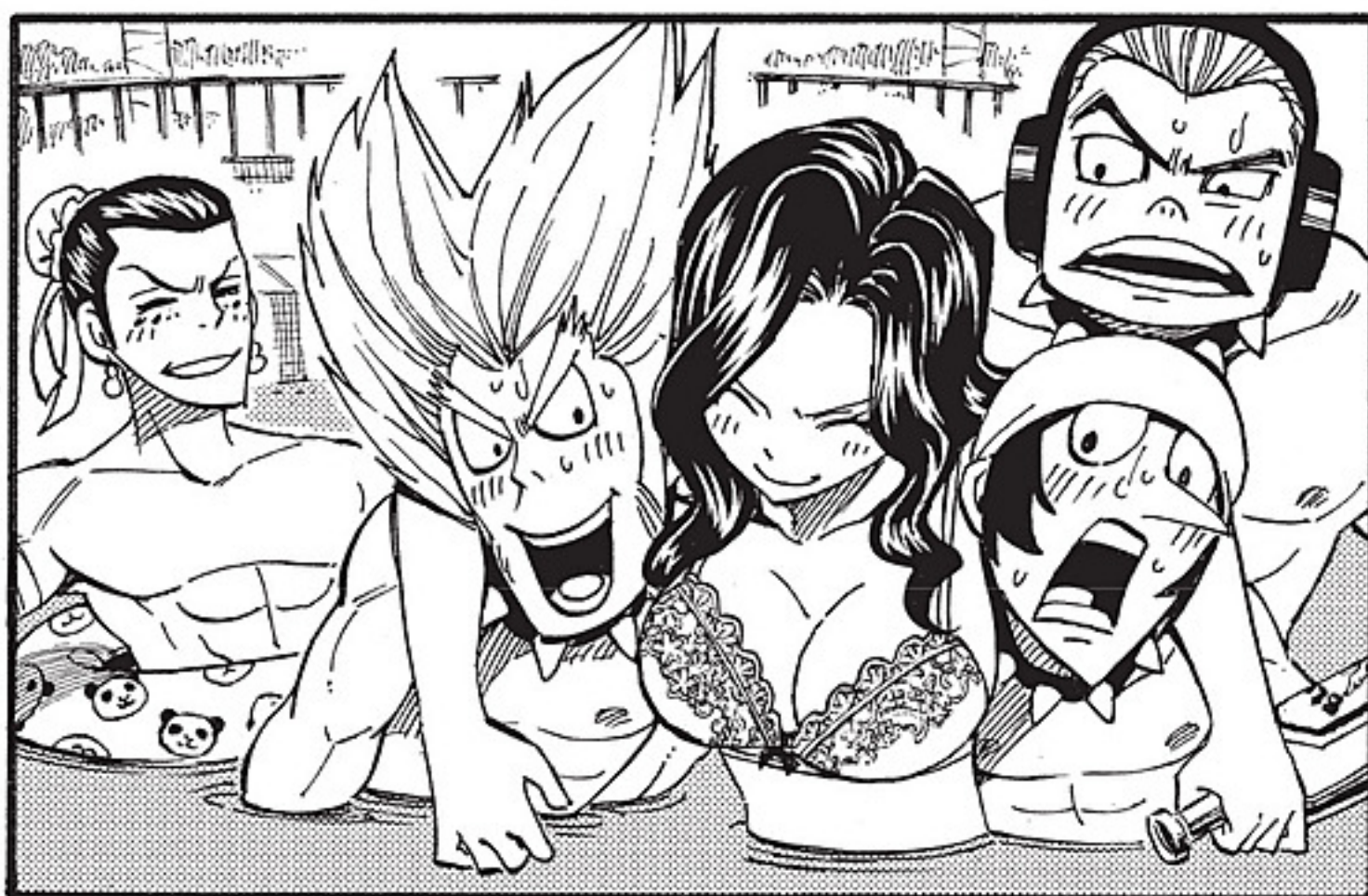


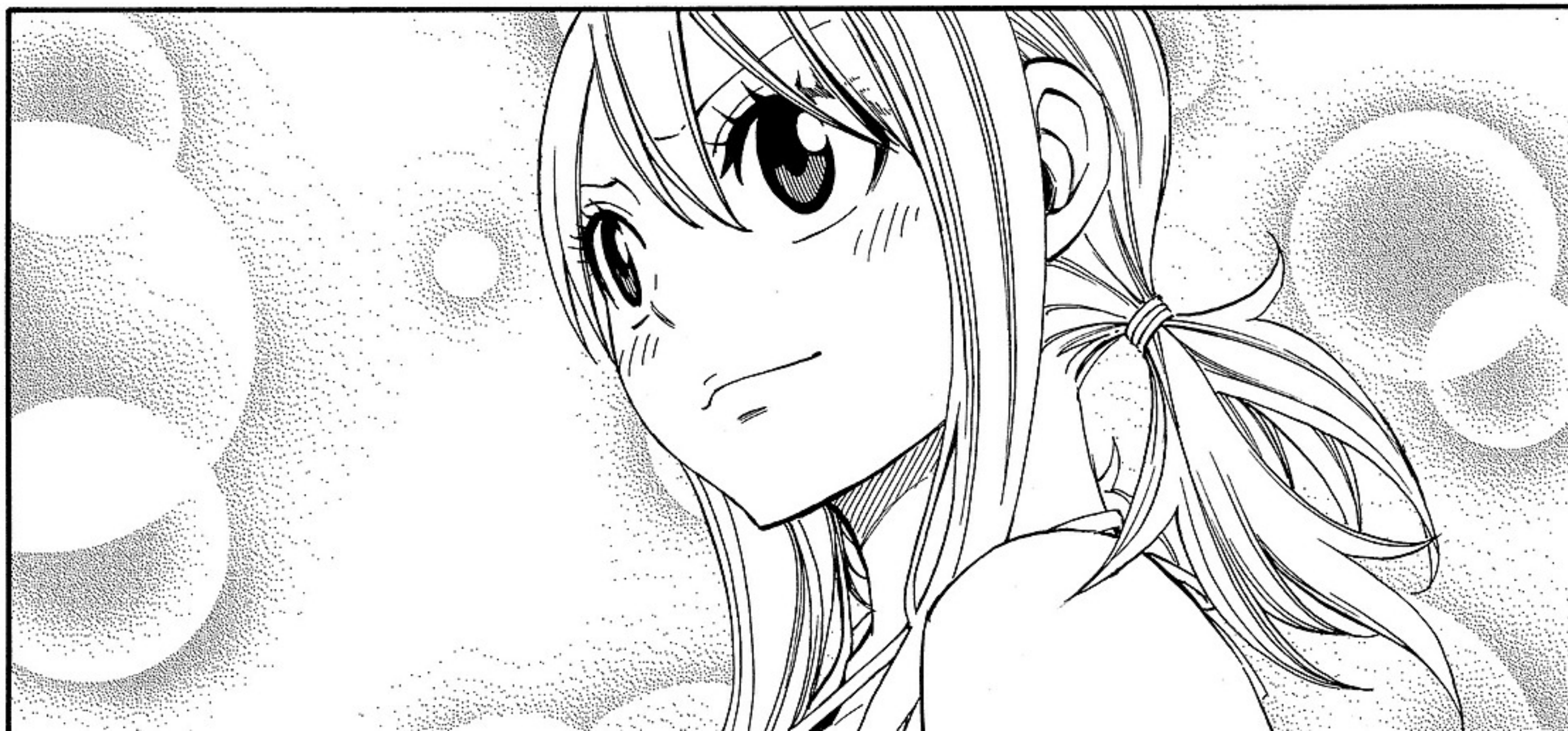
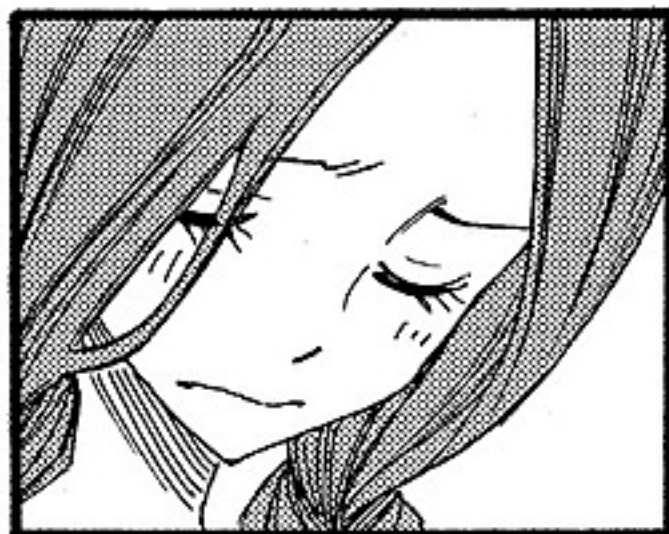
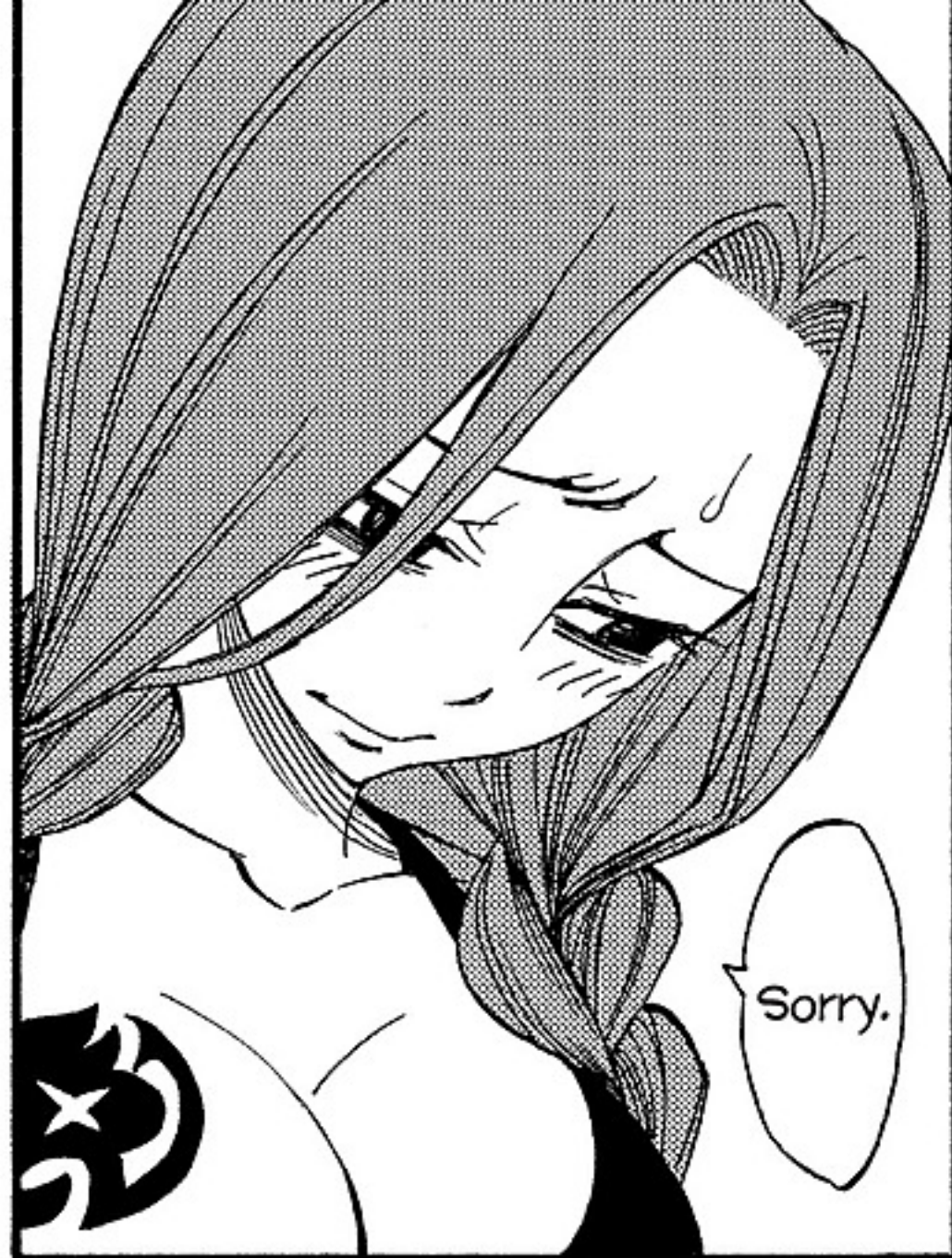
By the
way,
Lucy...

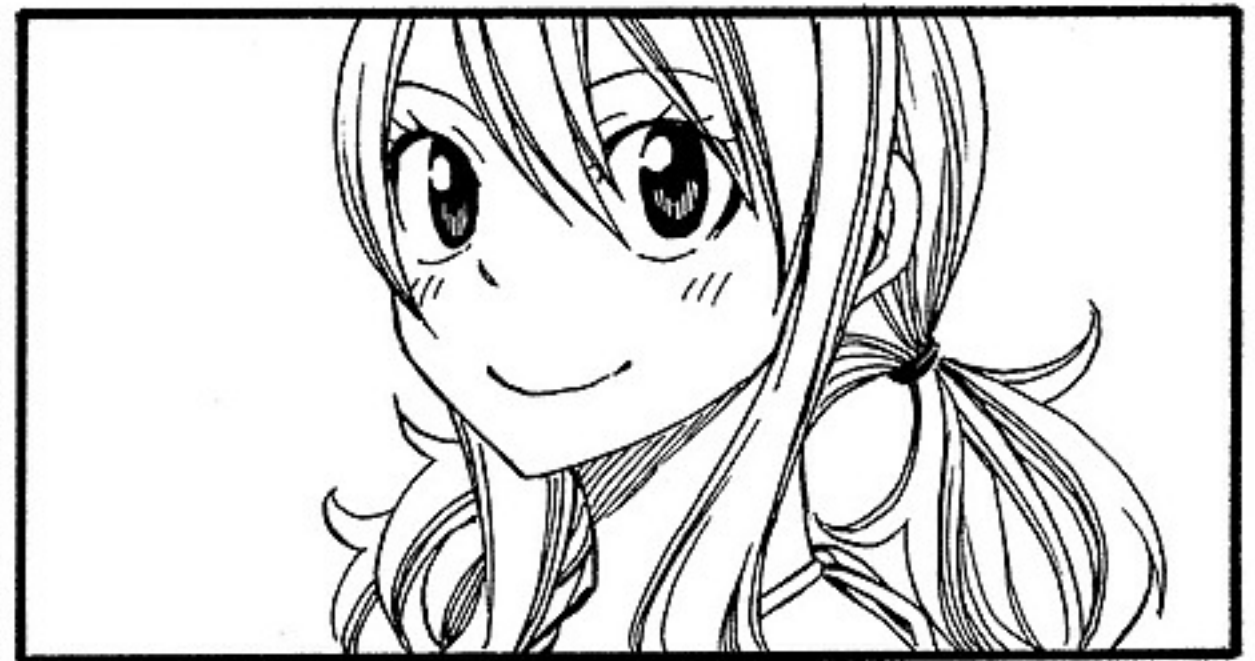
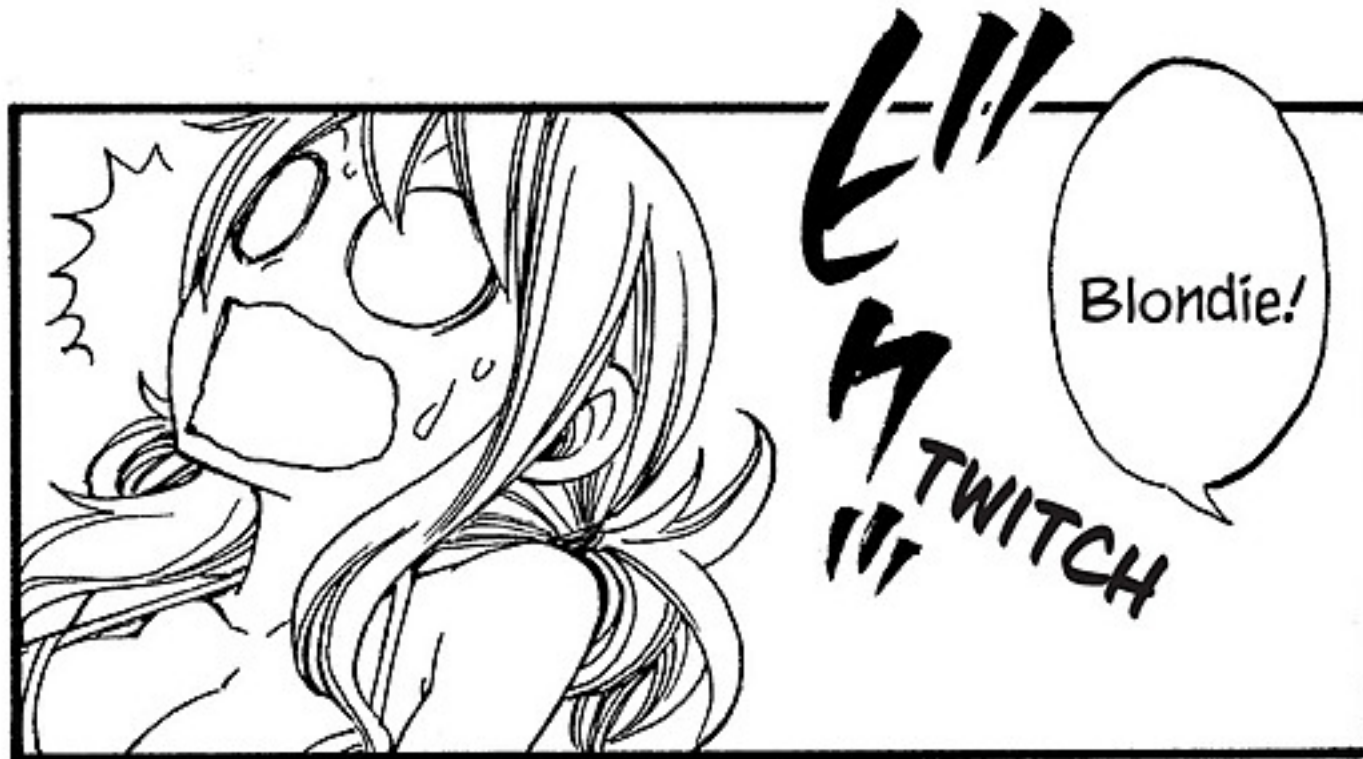
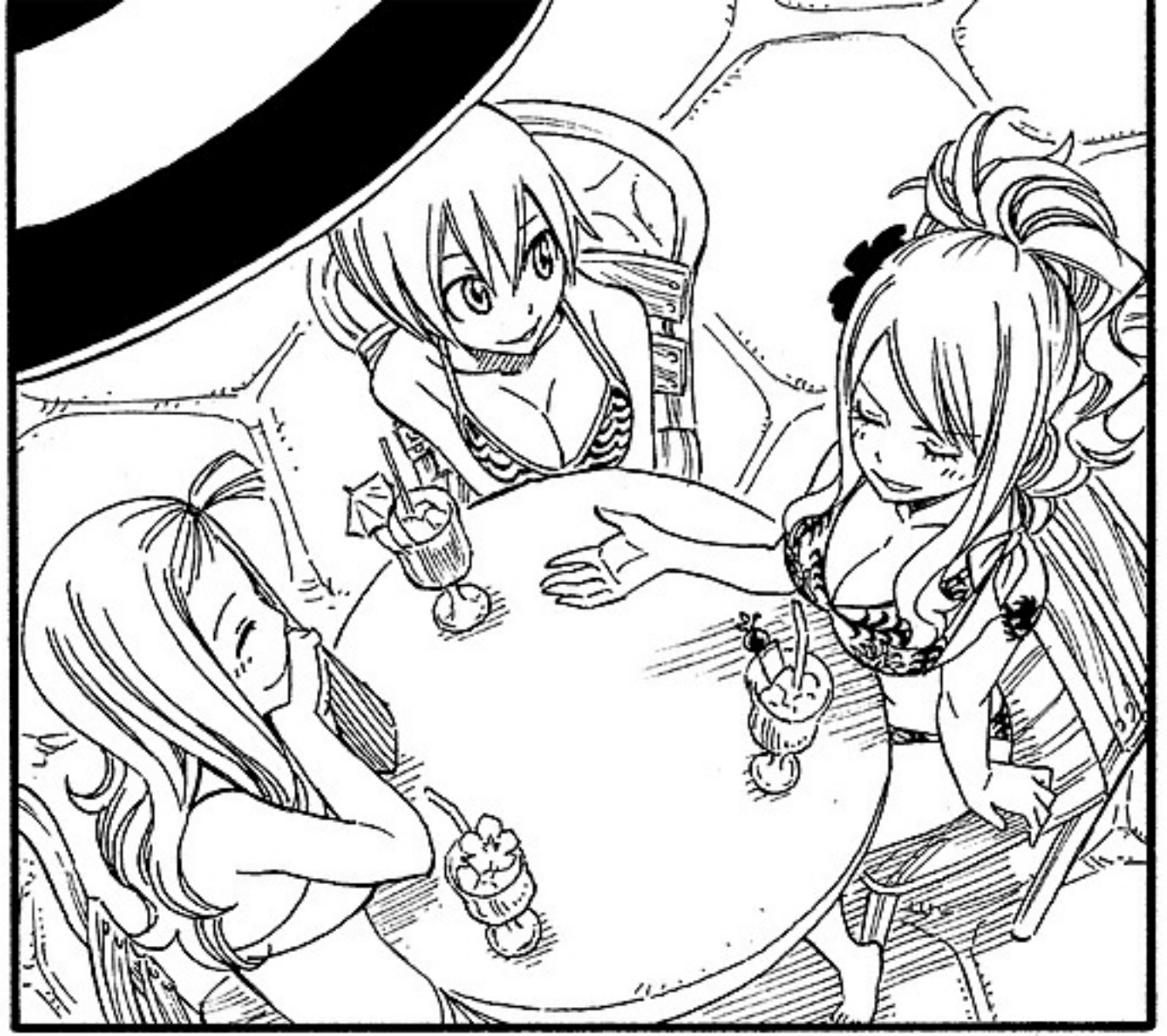


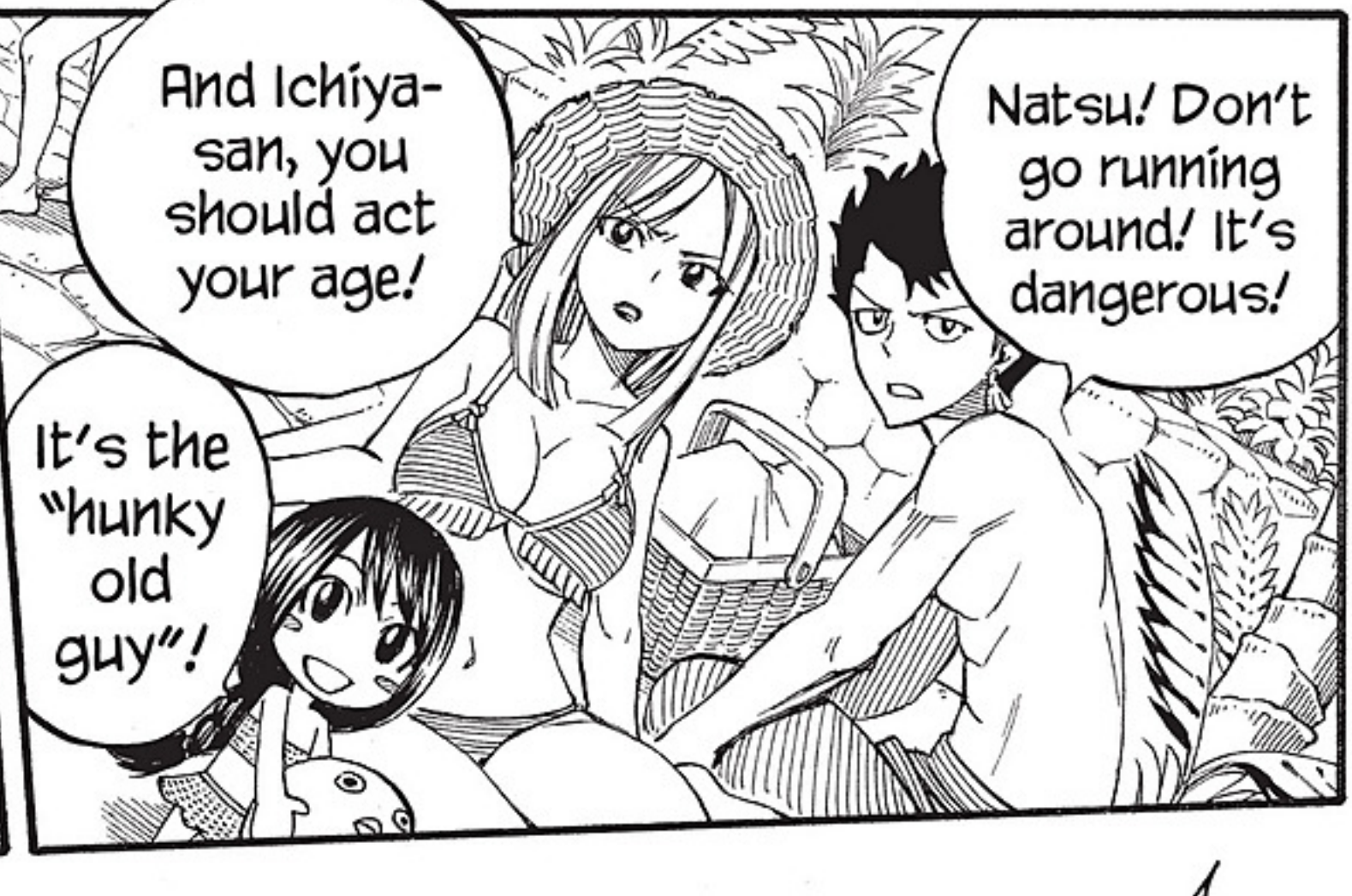
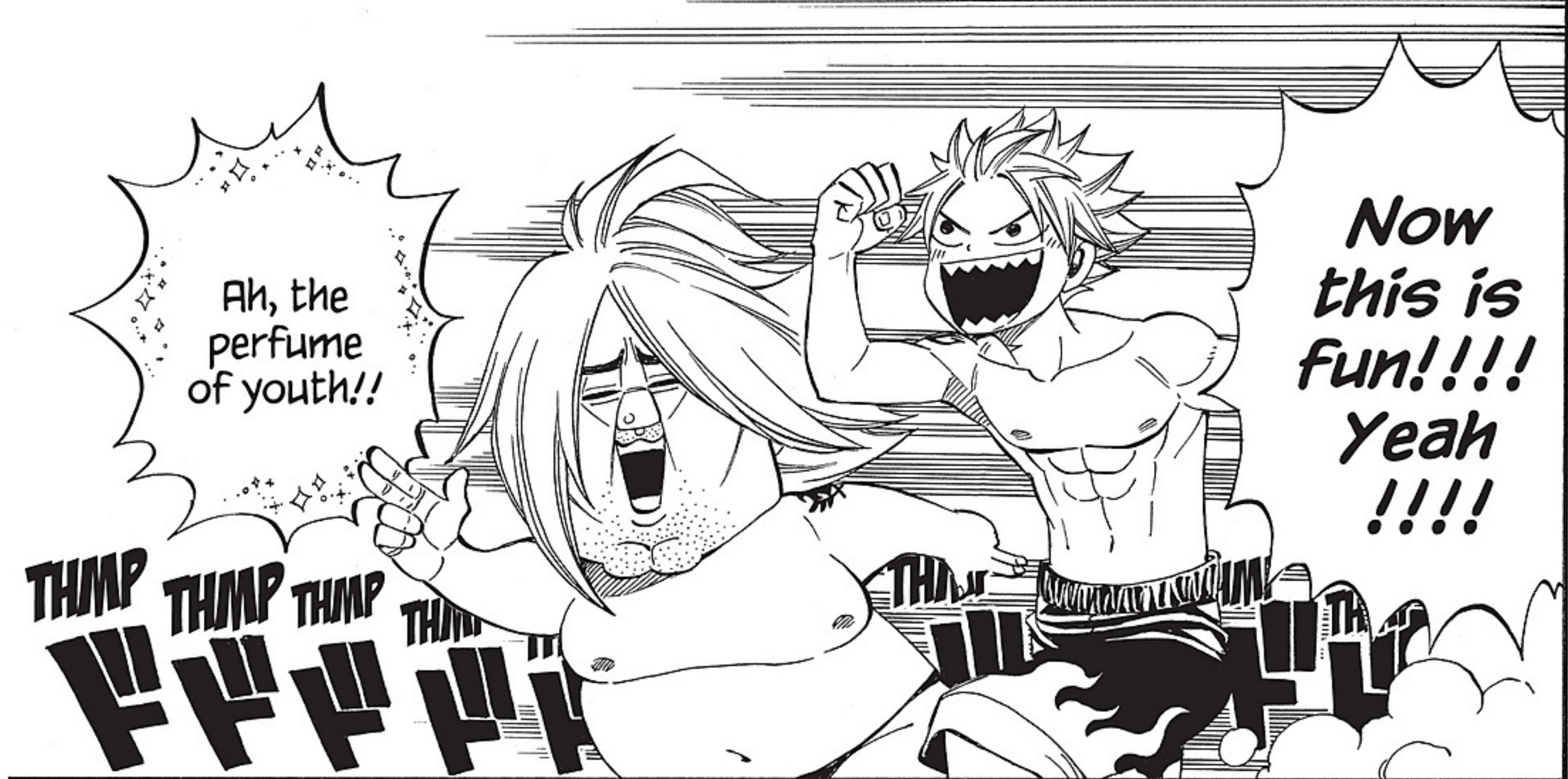


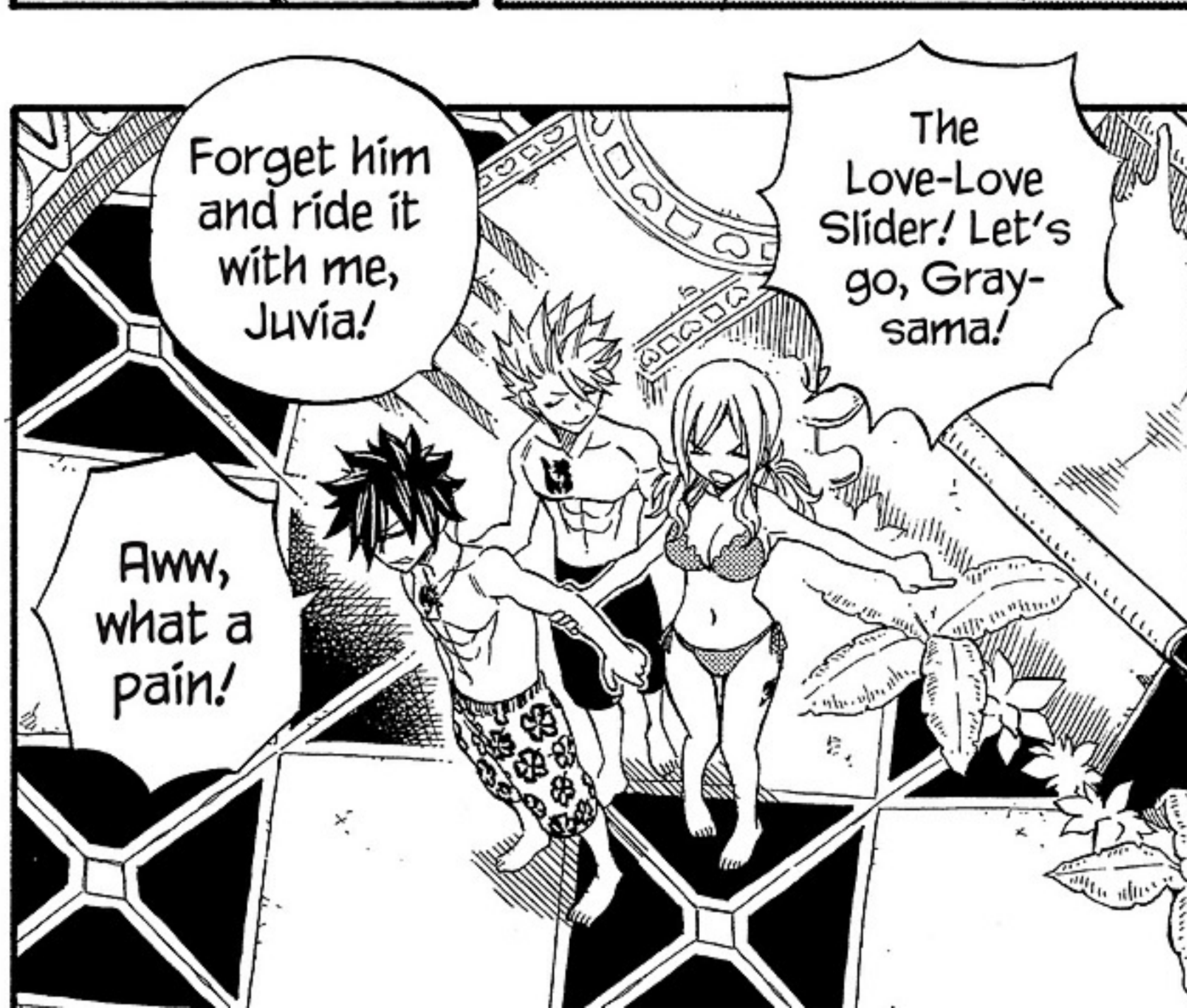


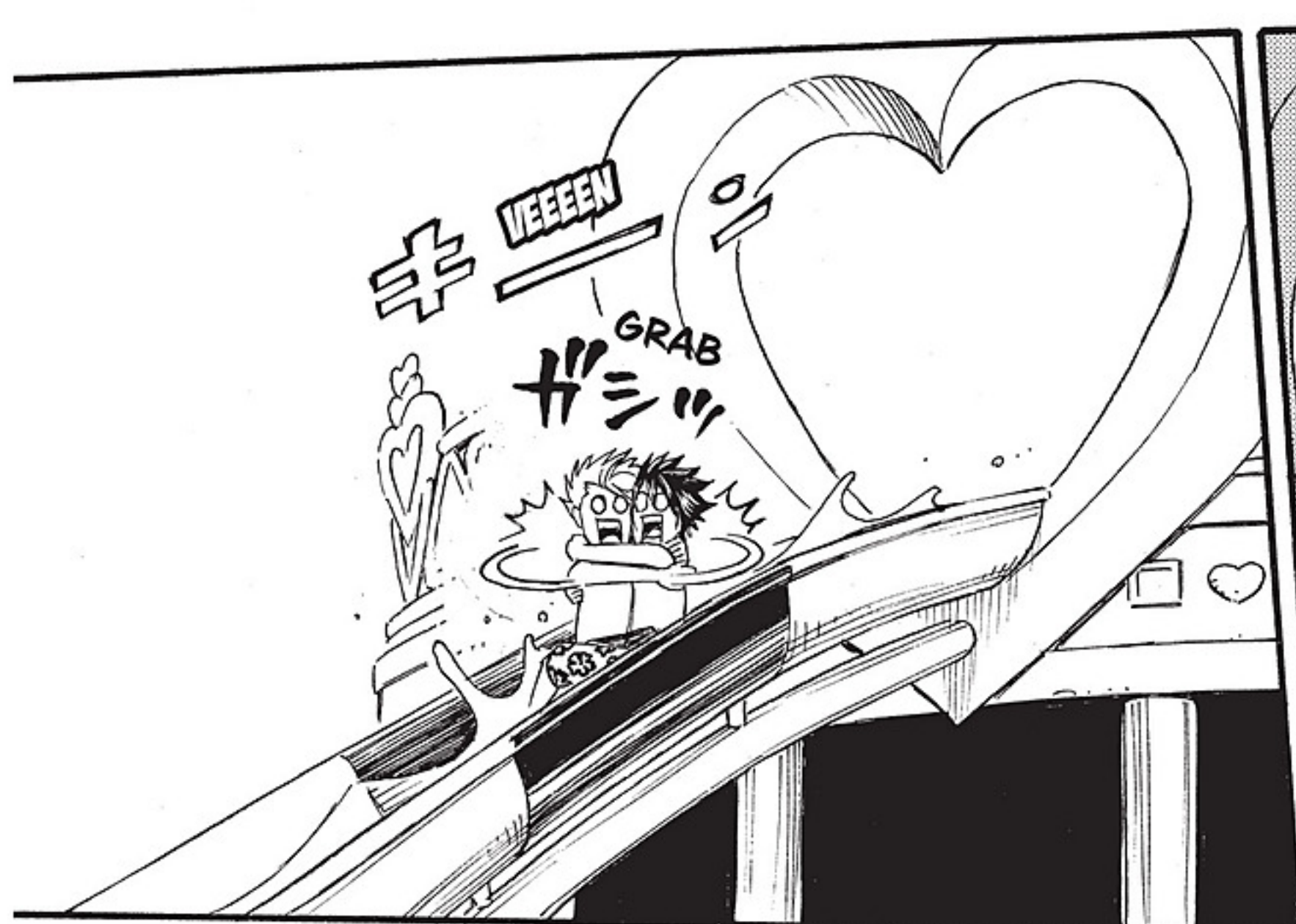


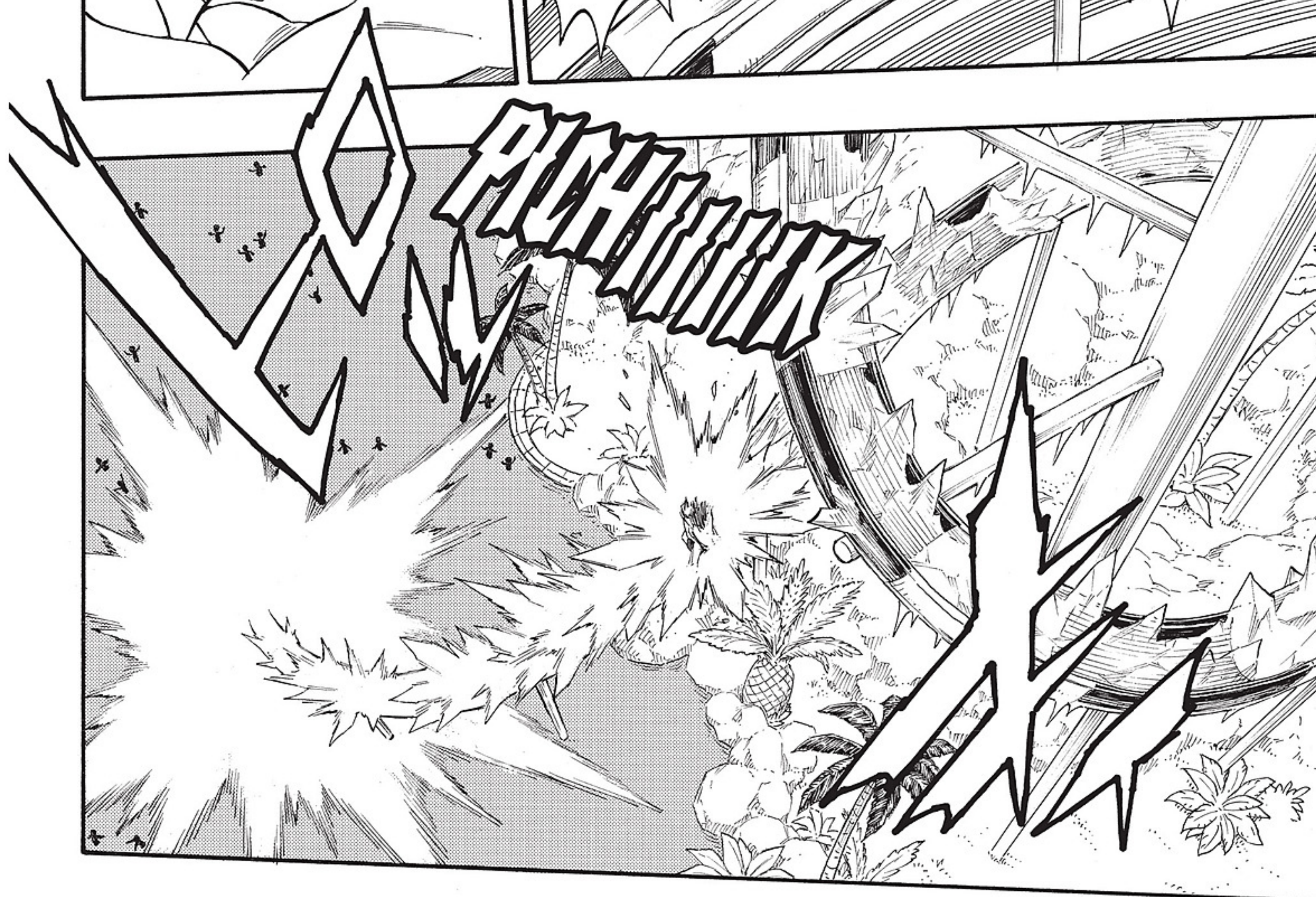
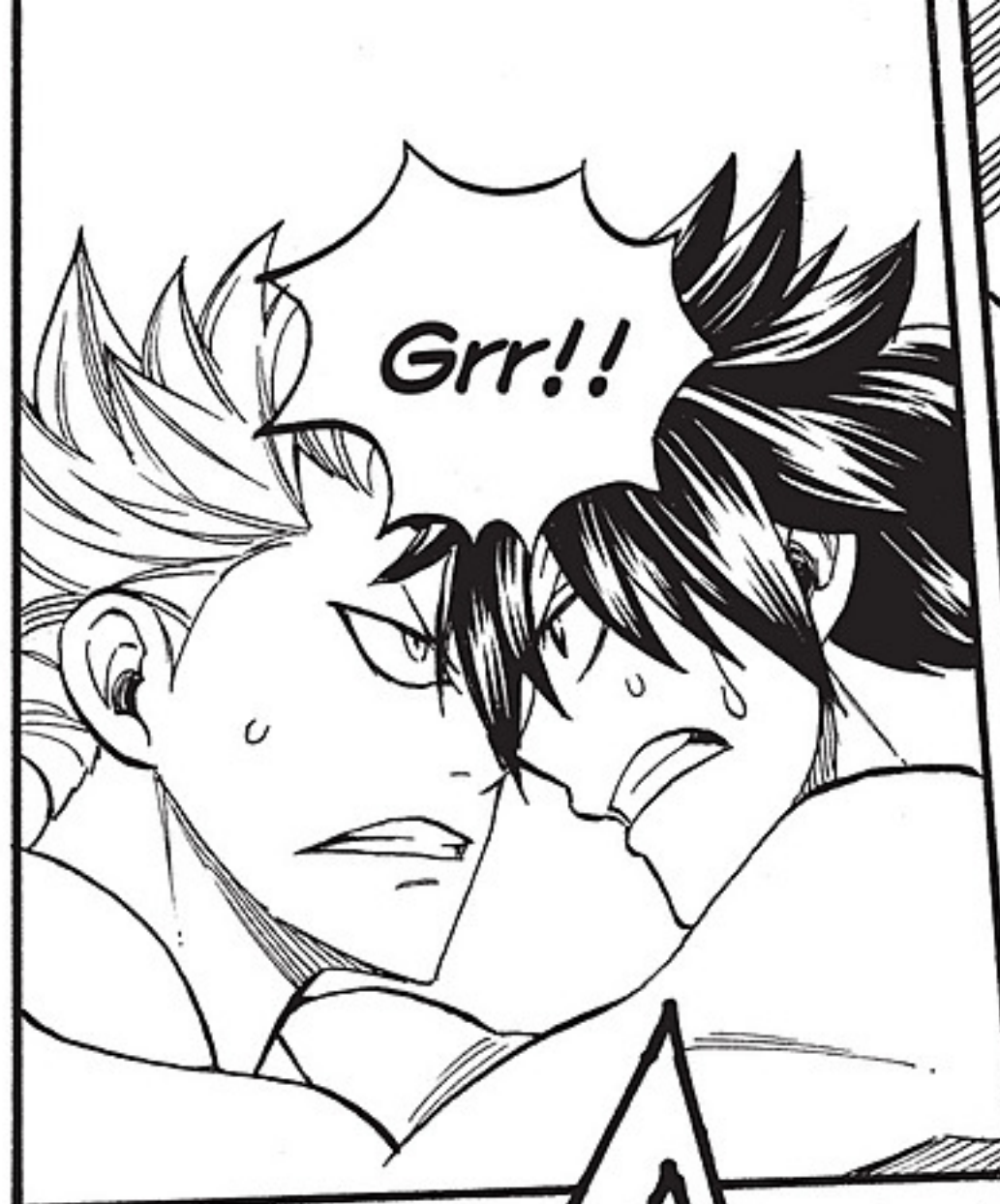












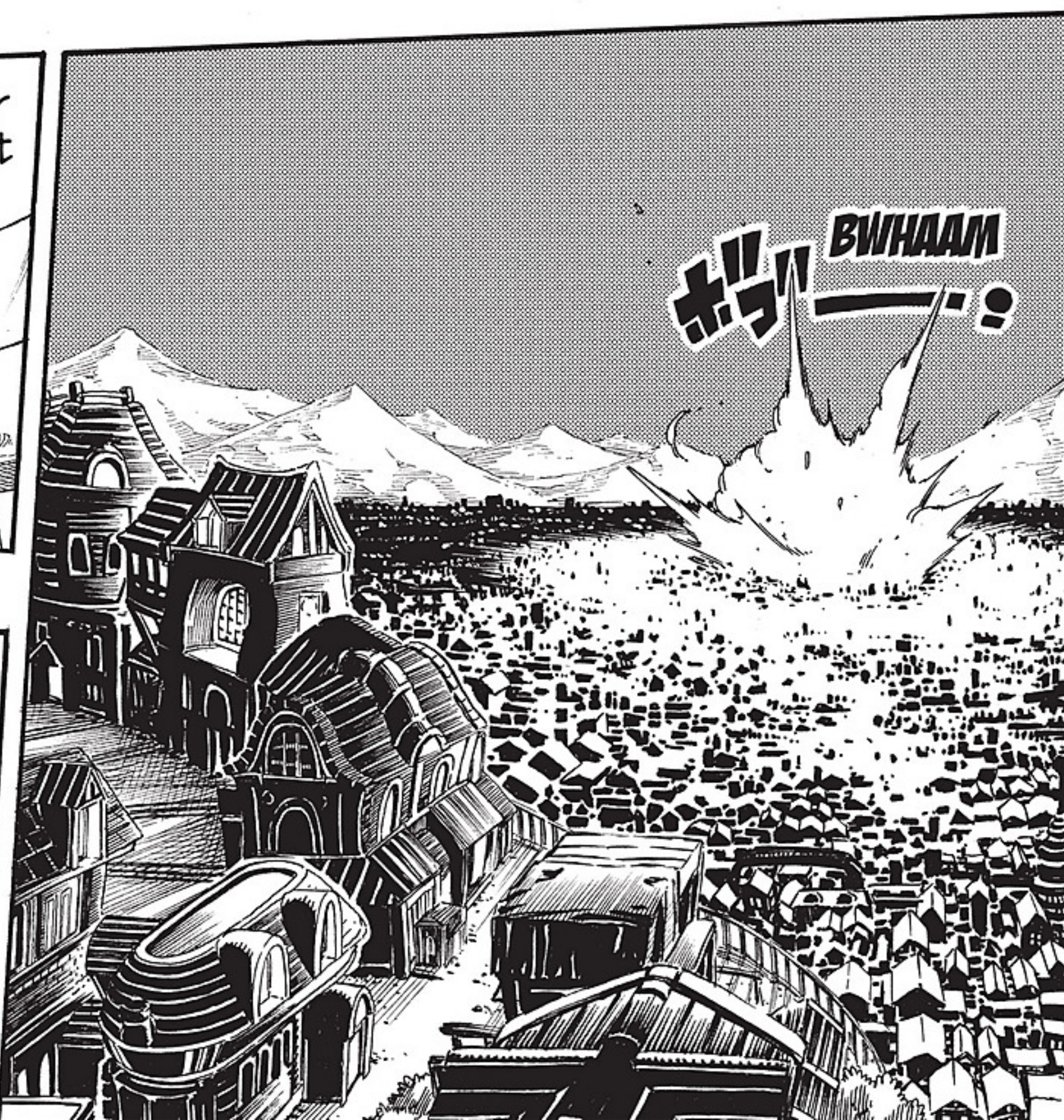
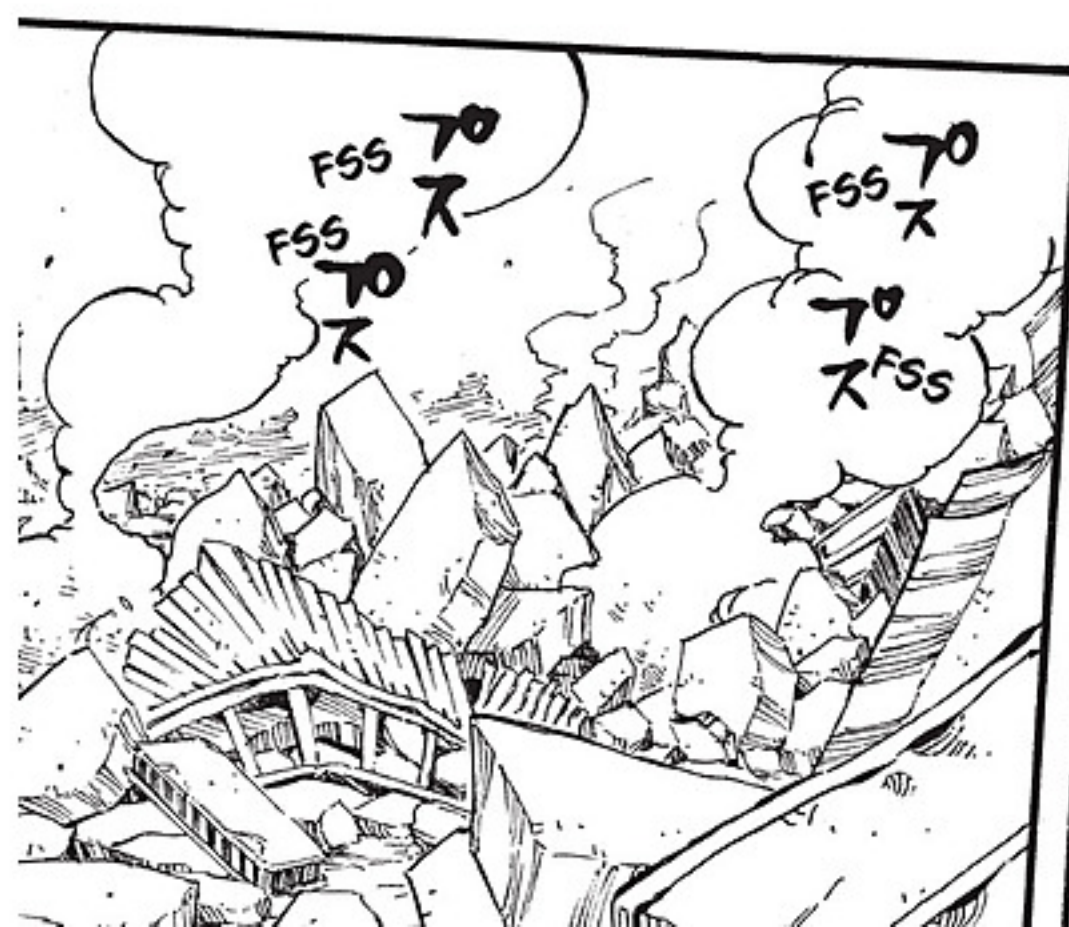


Natsu...
You know you
shouldn't do
that!



Beats
me.

I wonder
what that
is?



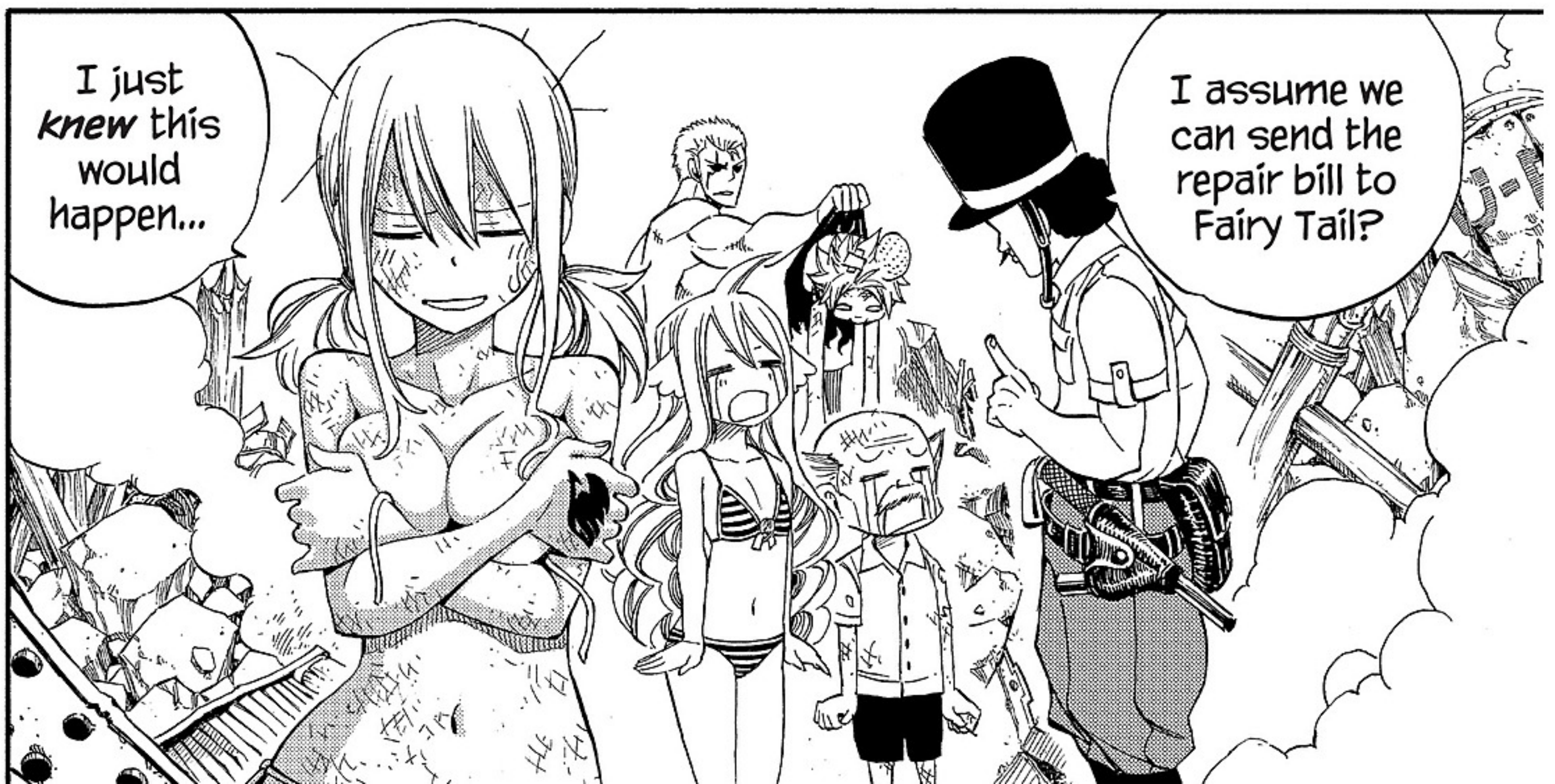
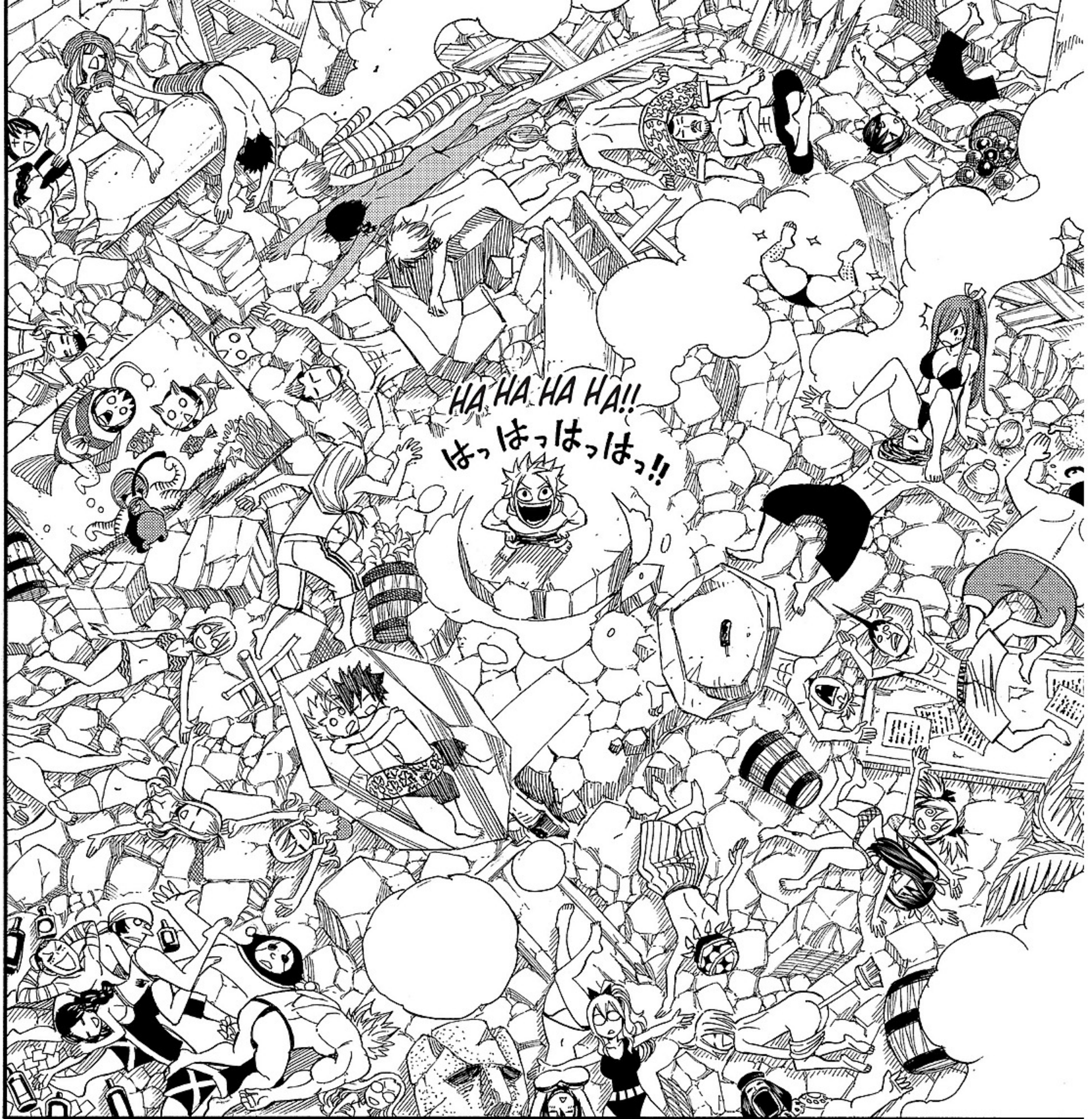
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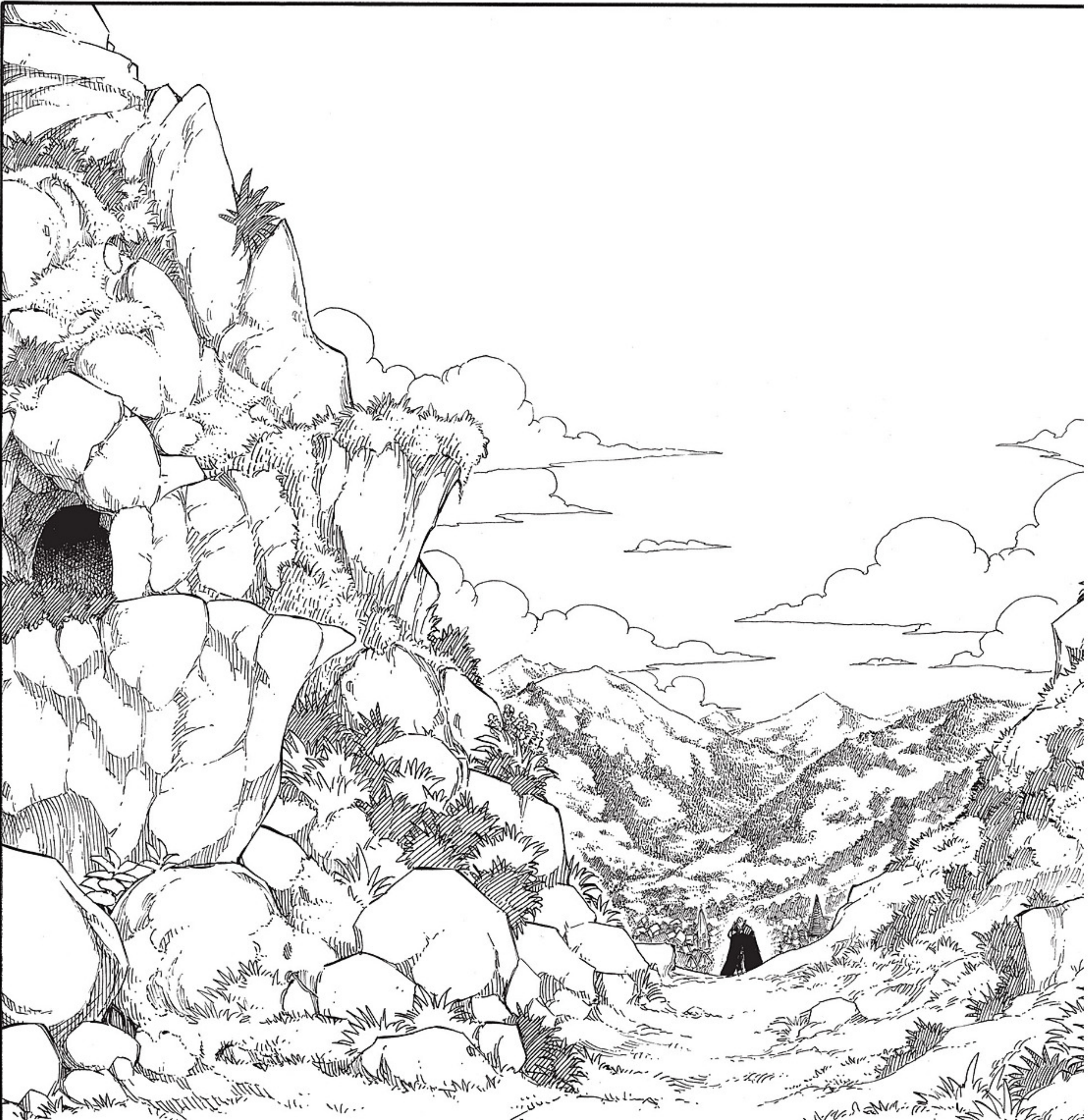
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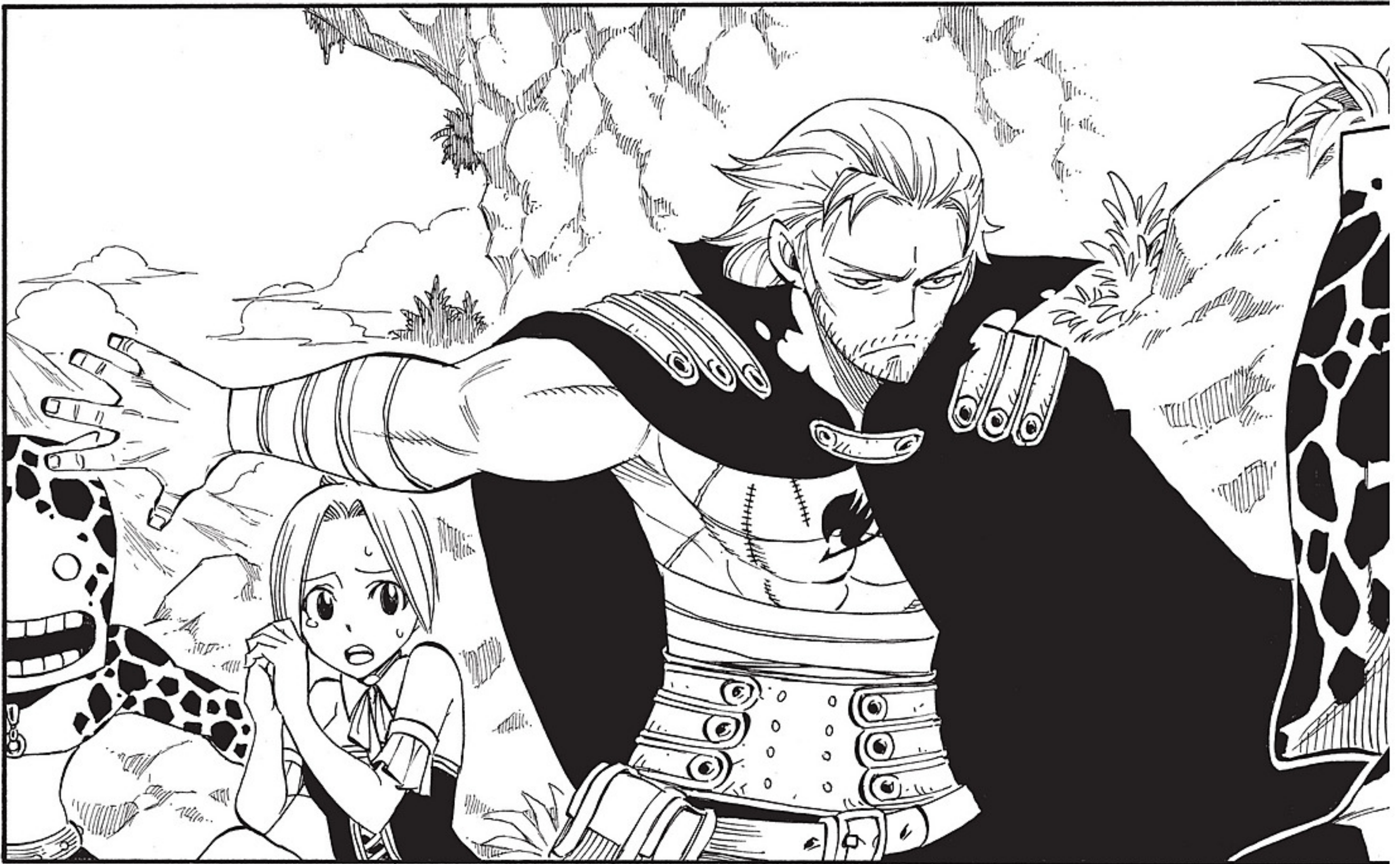
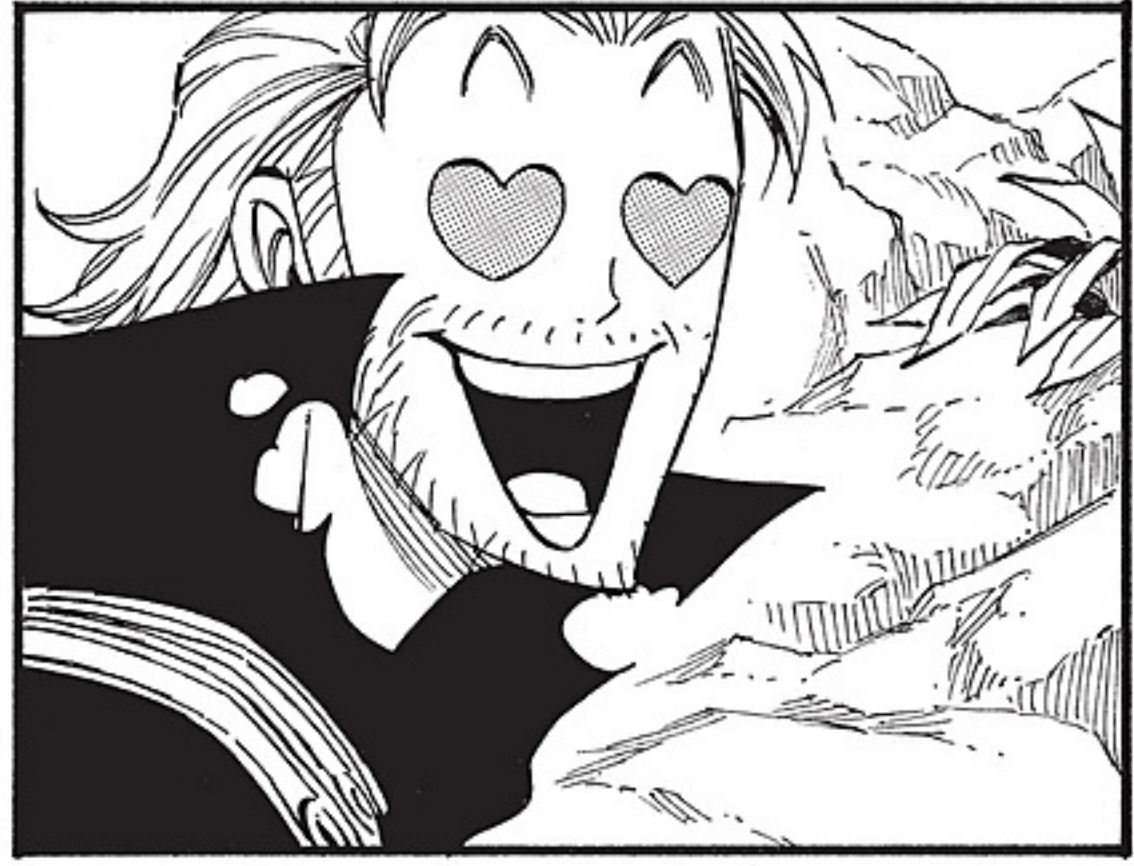
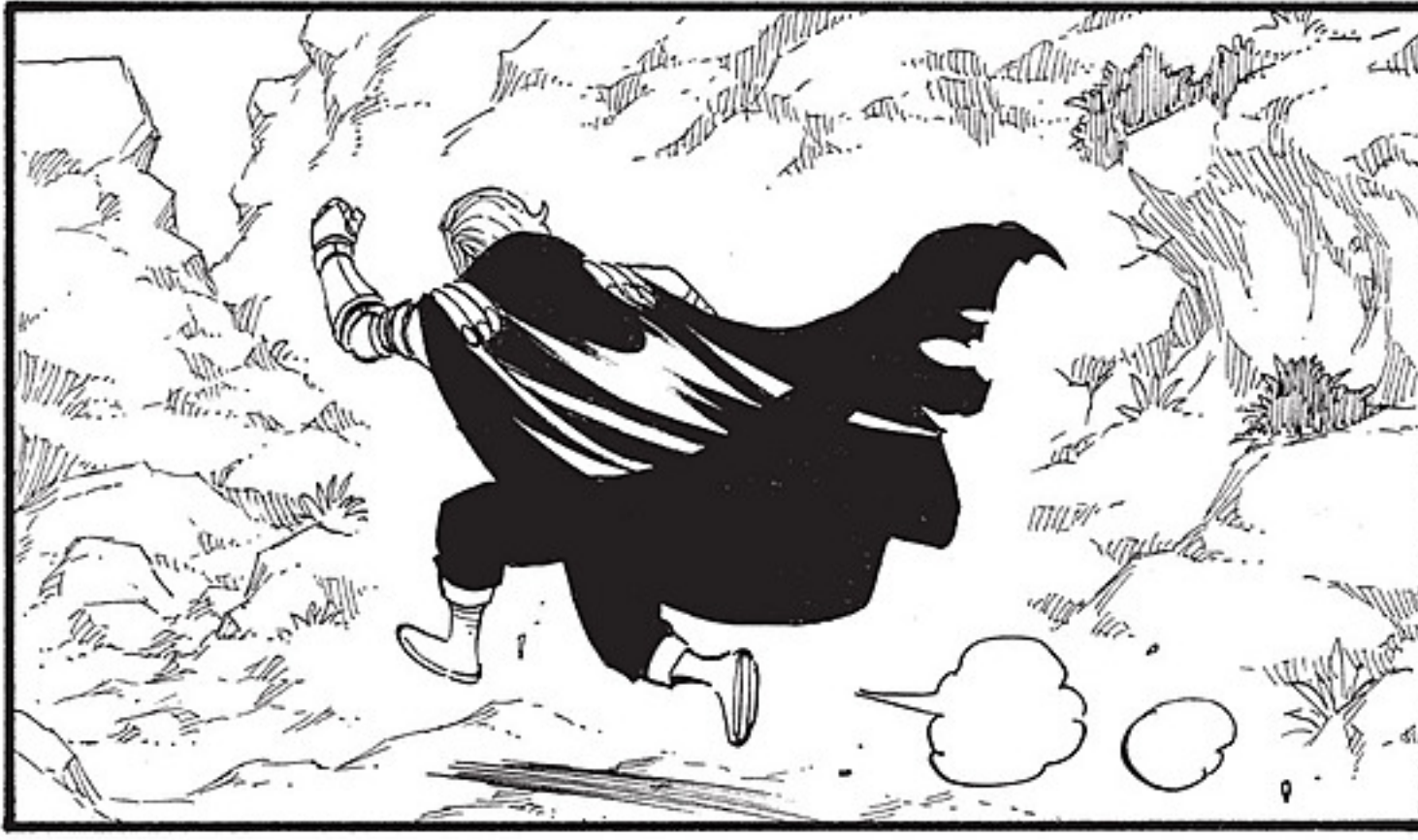
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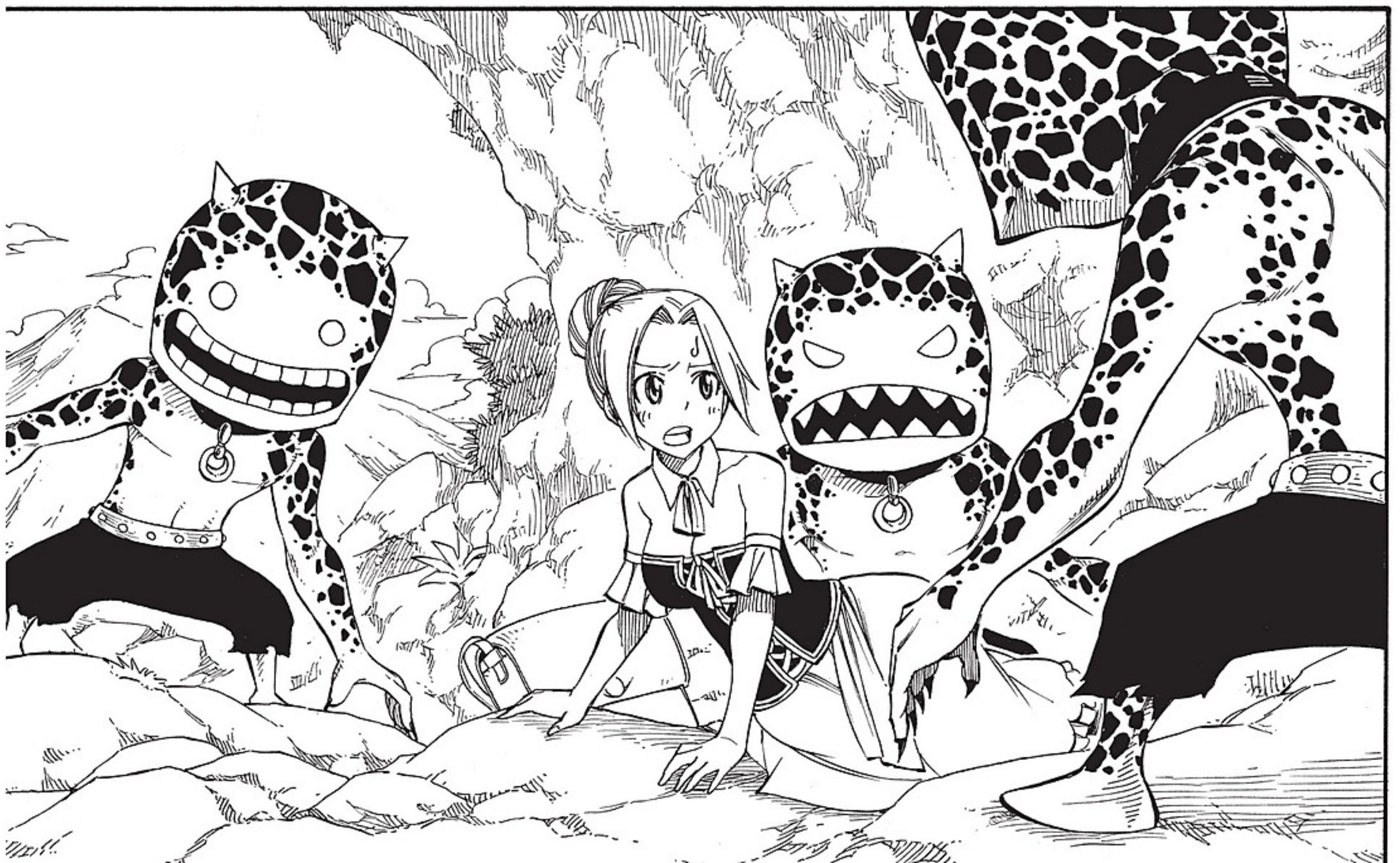
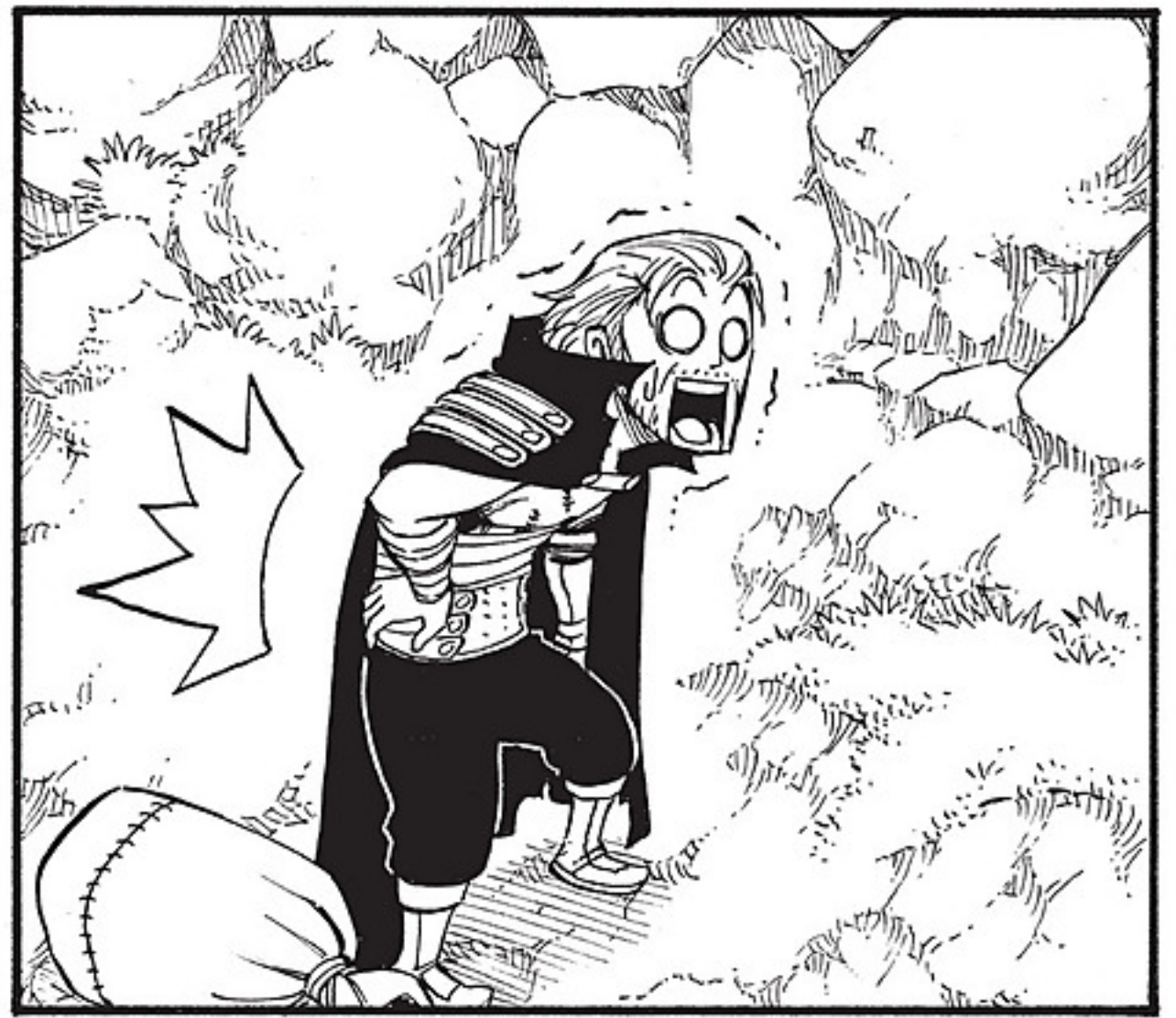
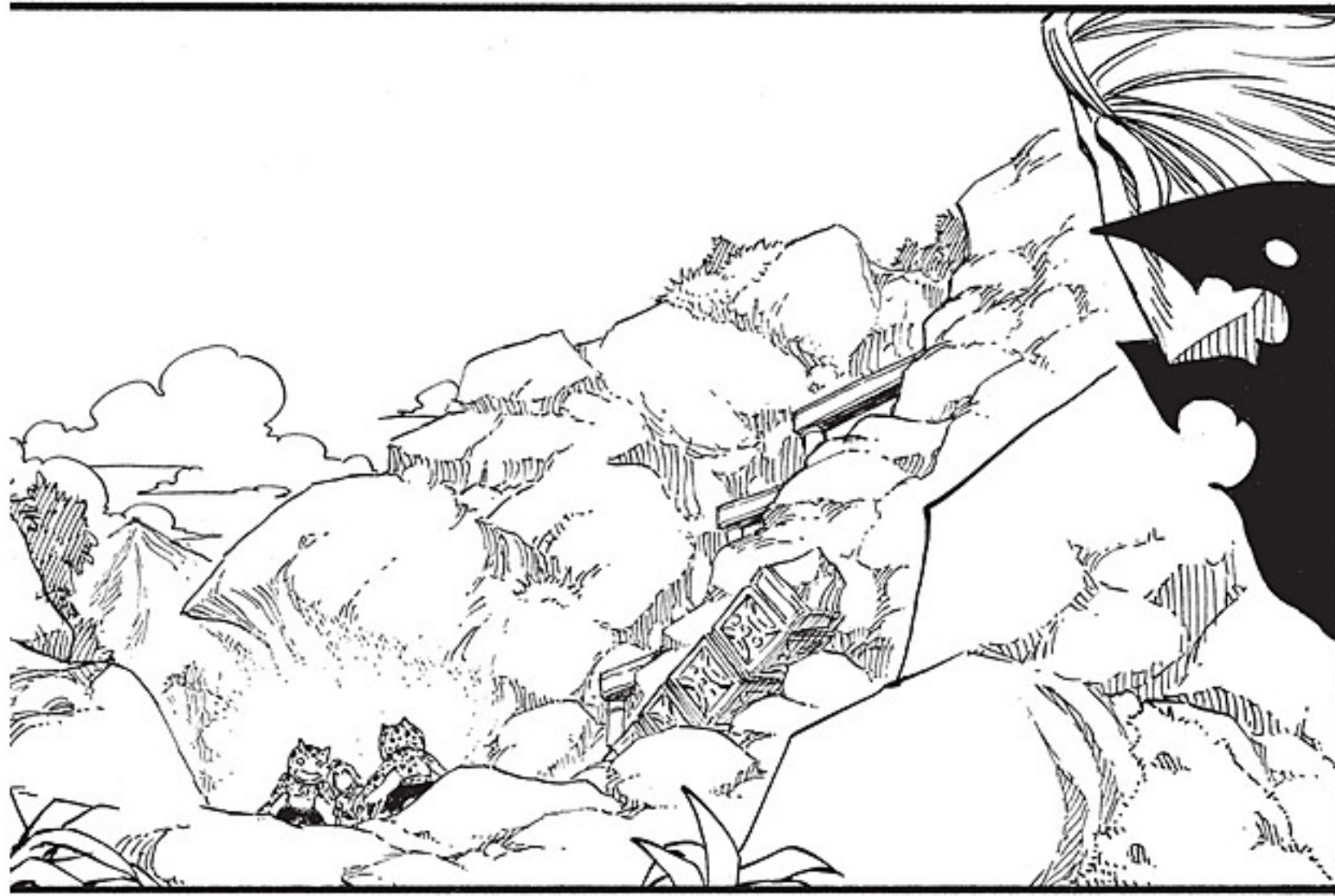
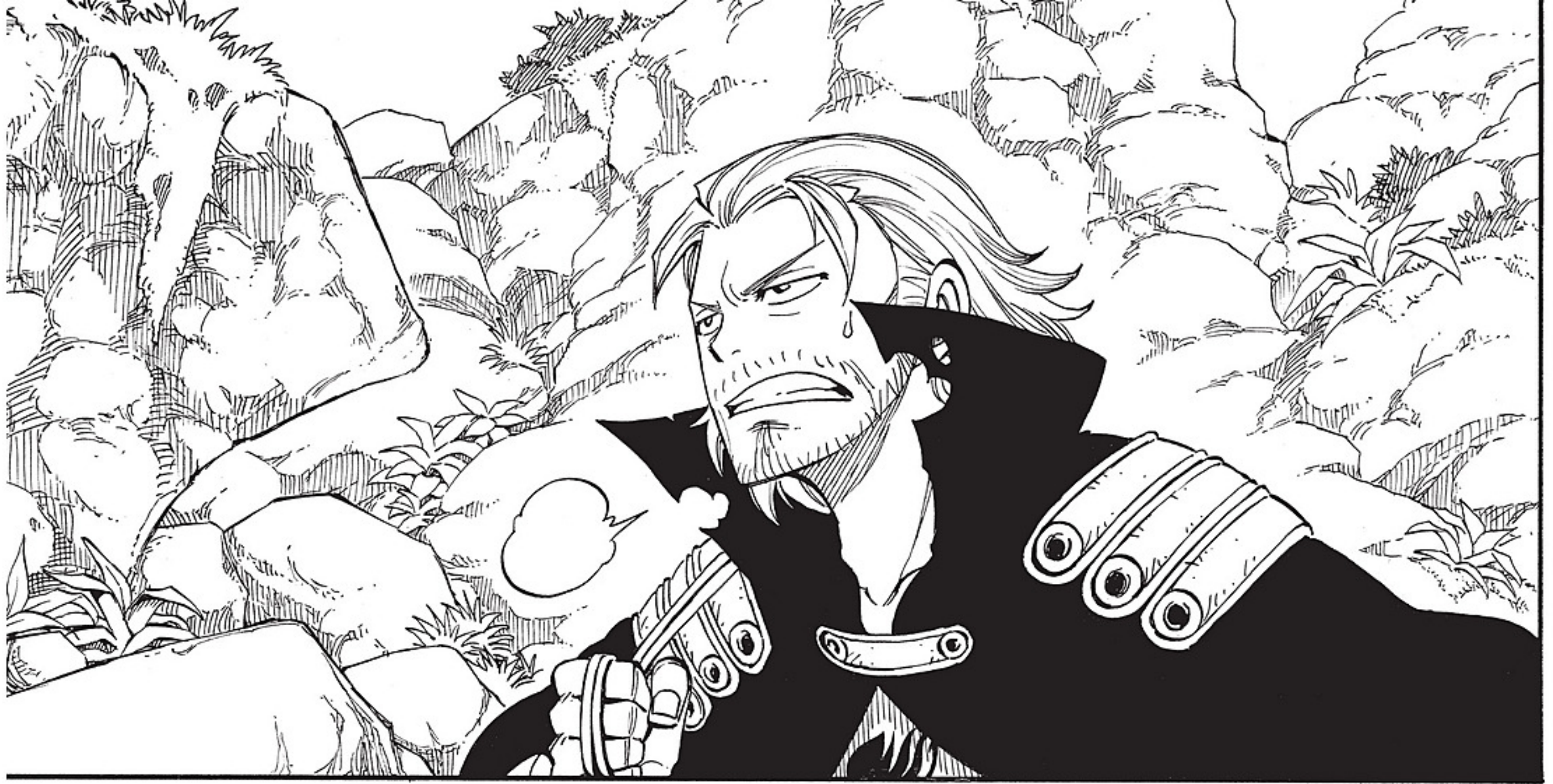


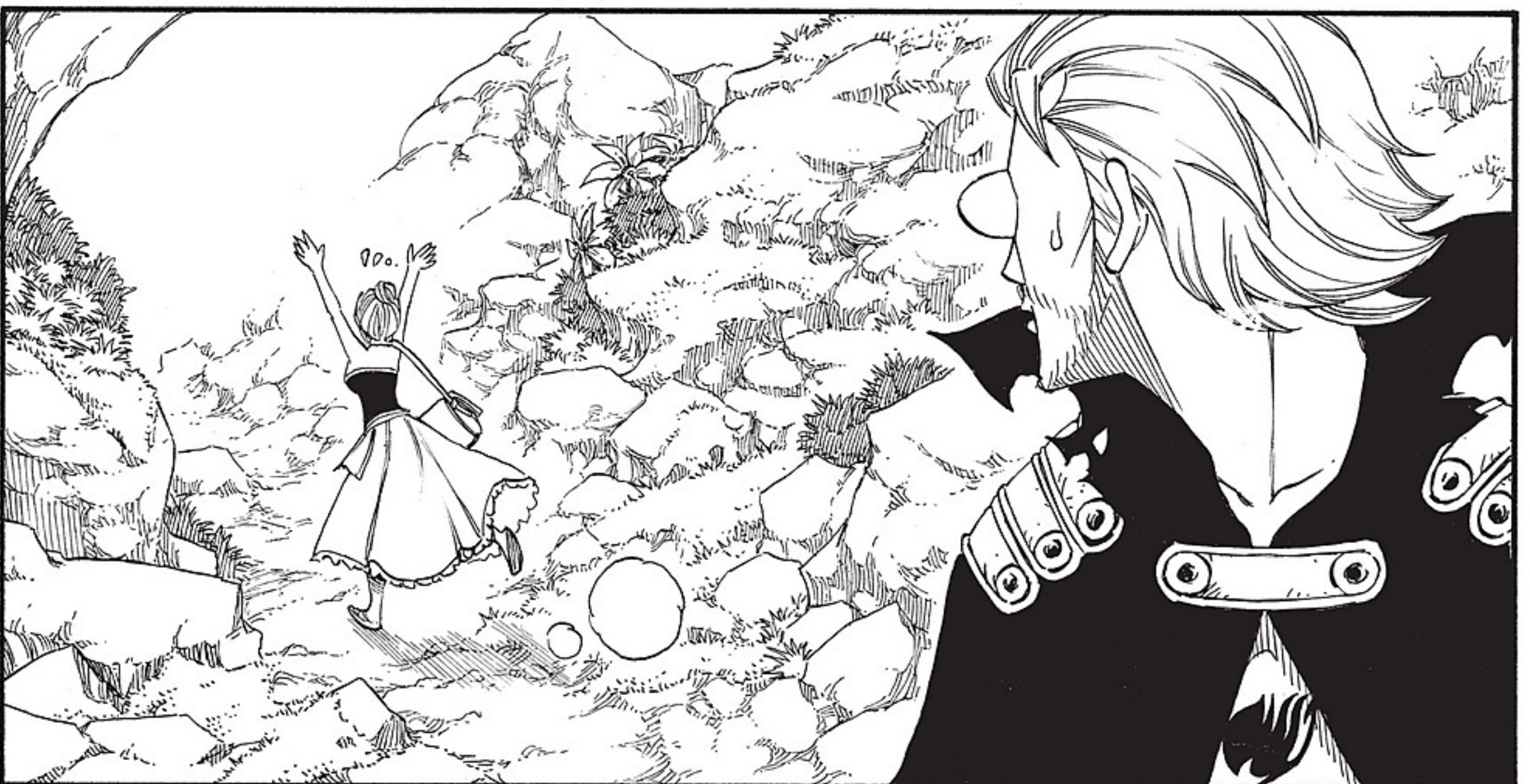
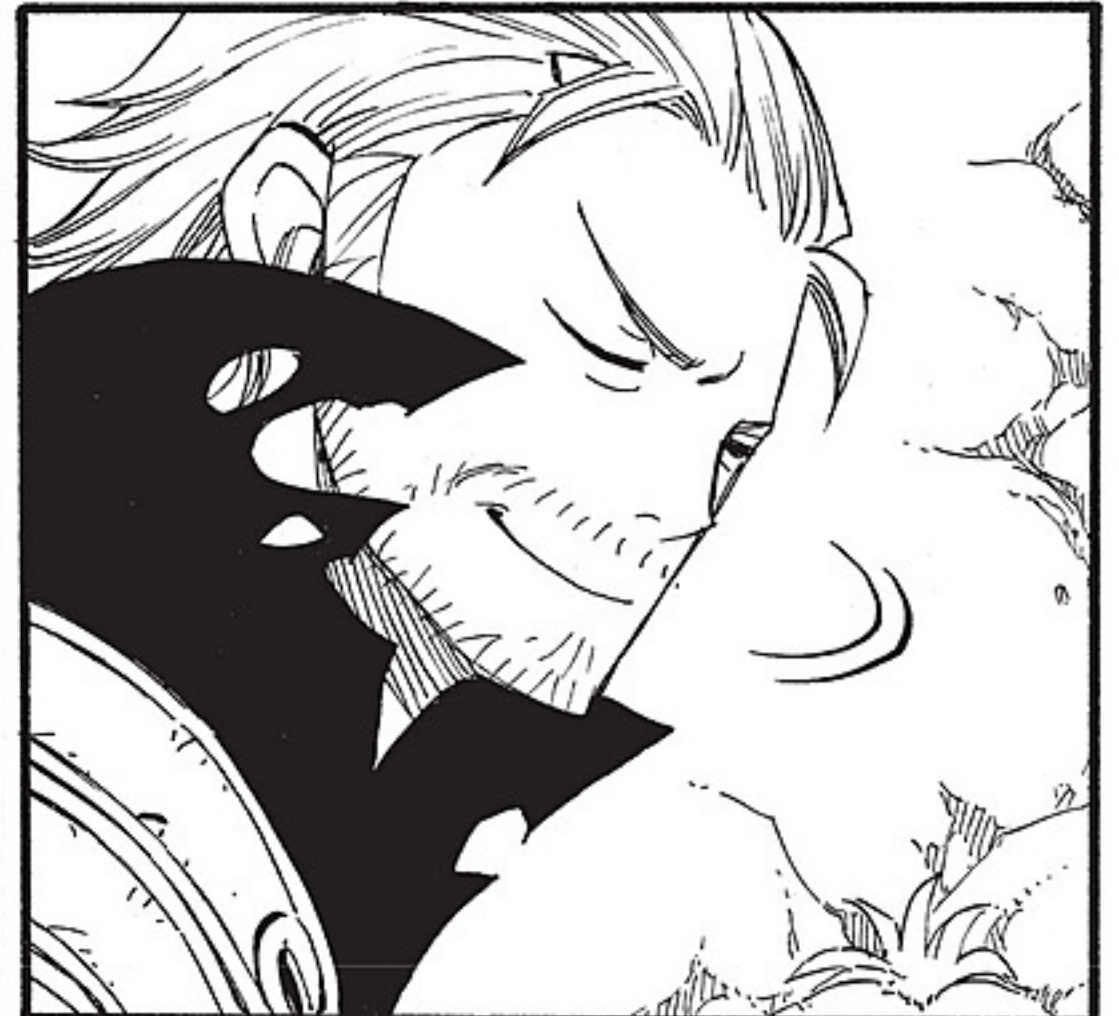
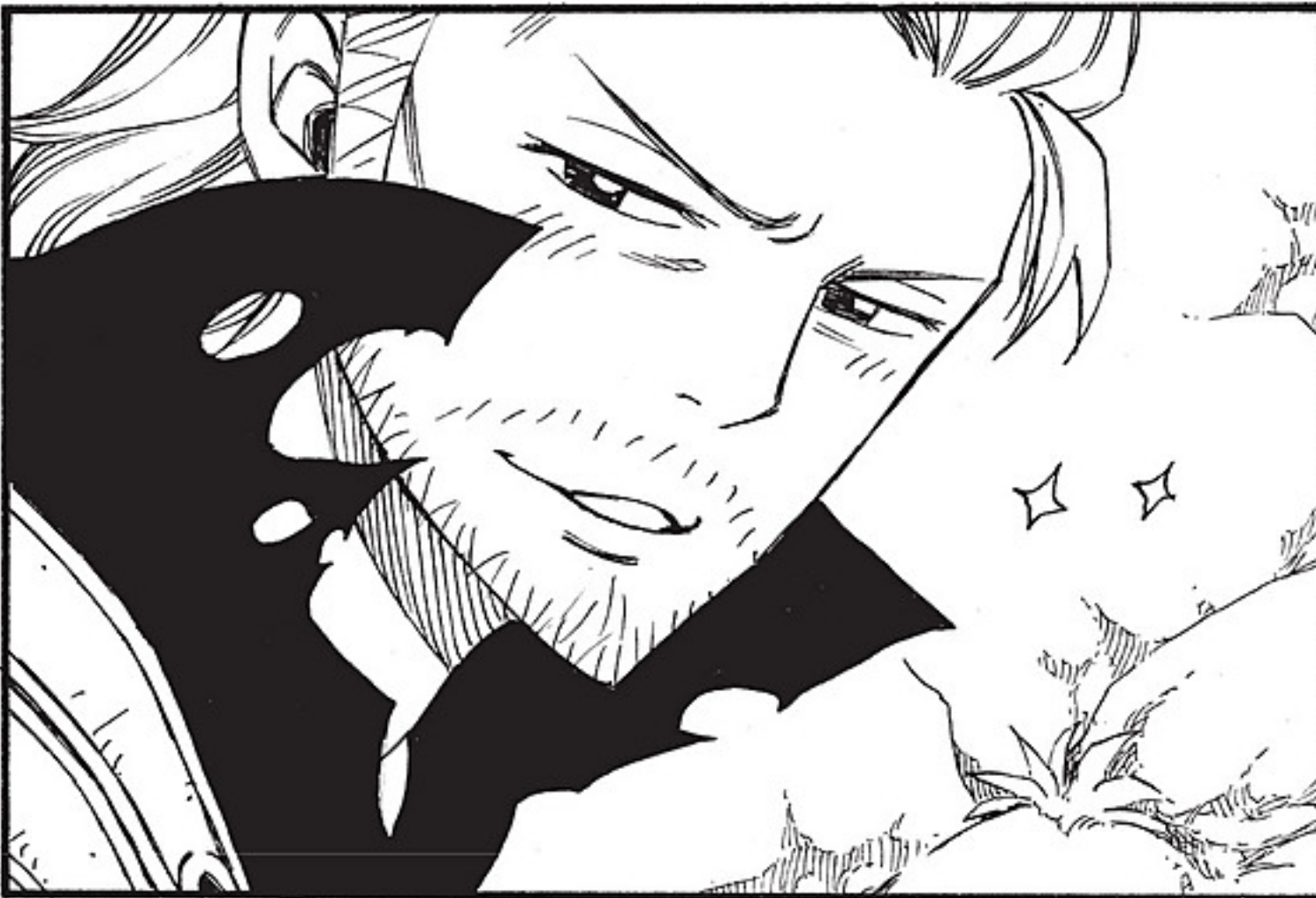
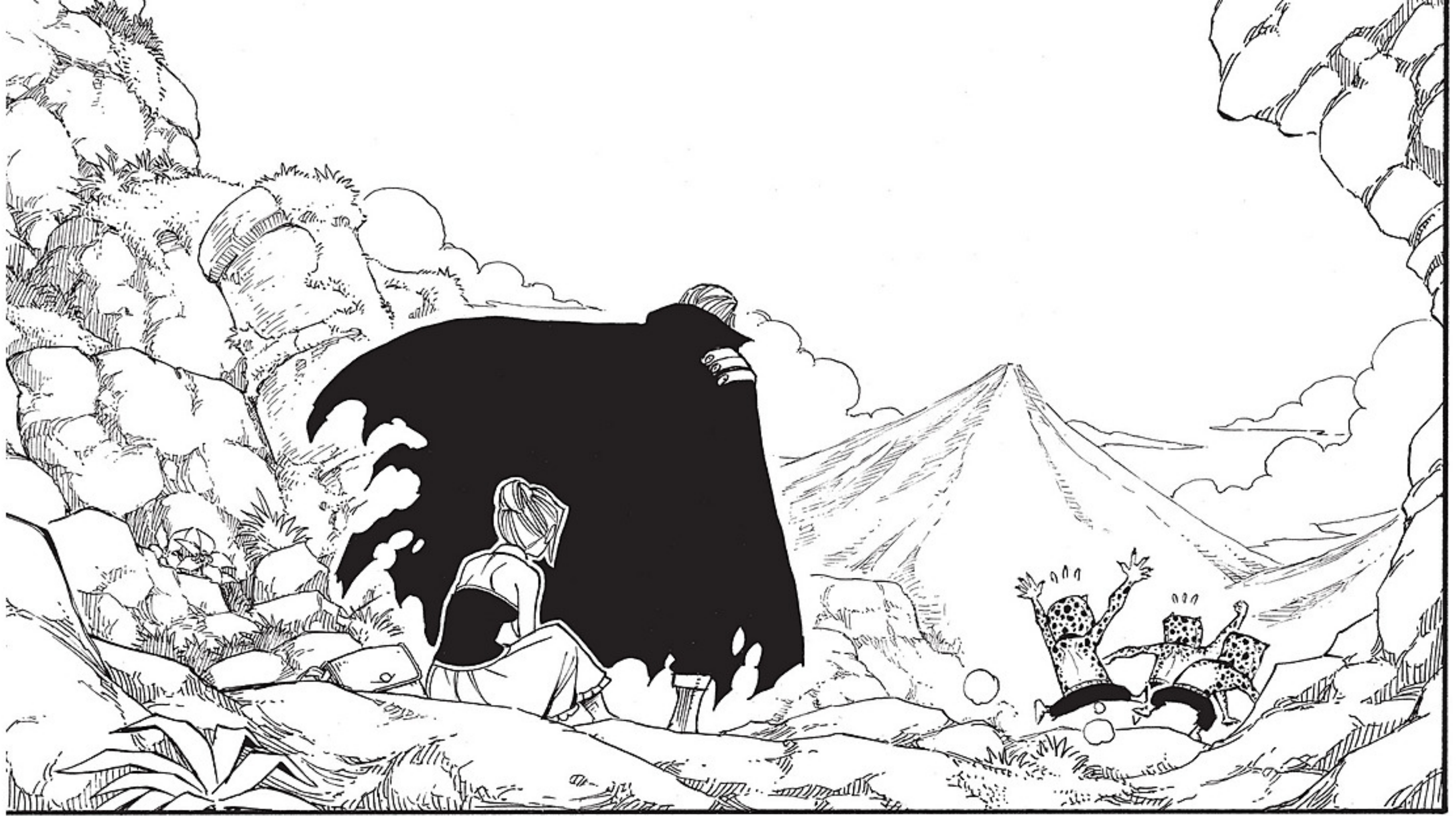
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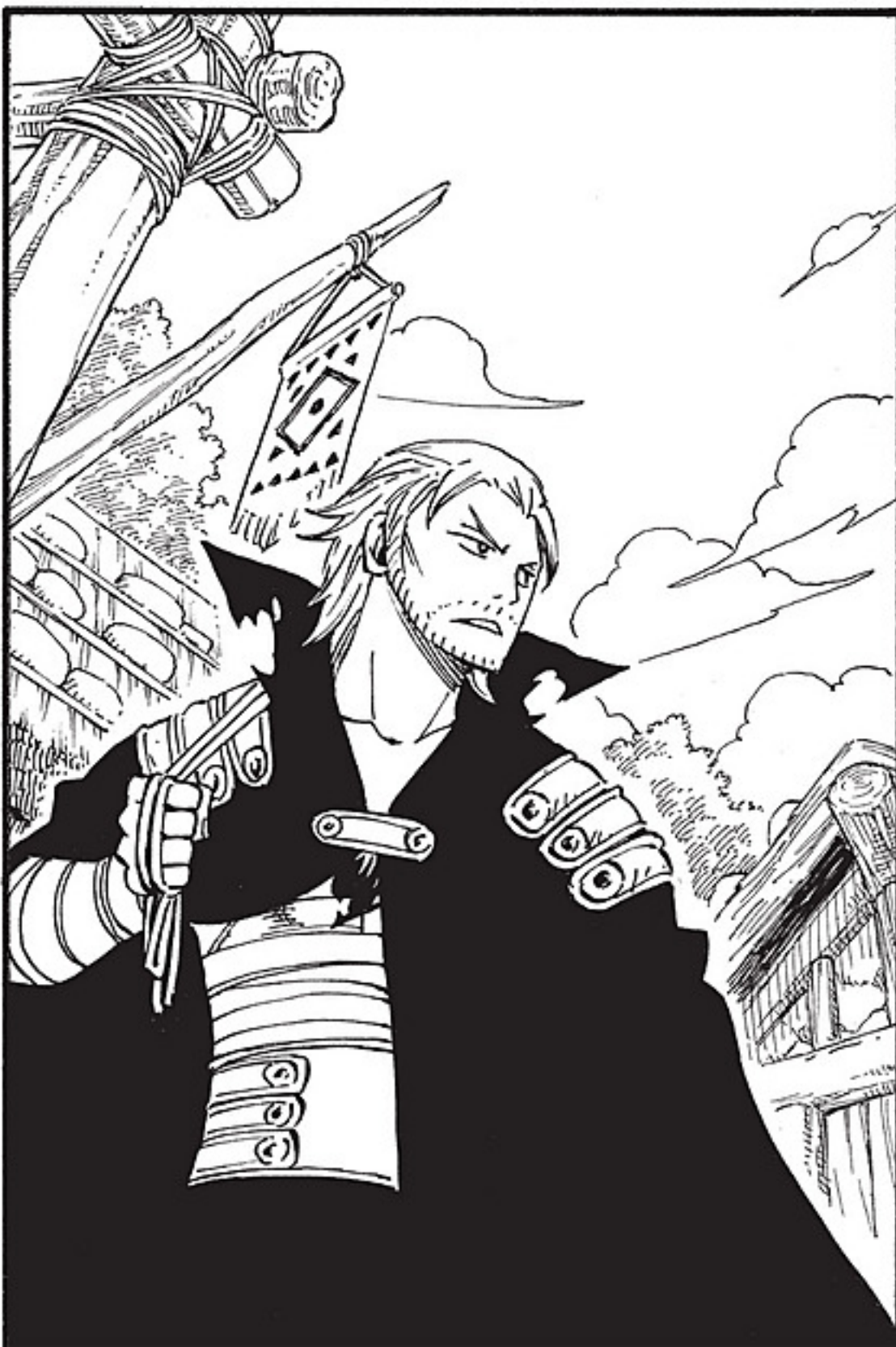
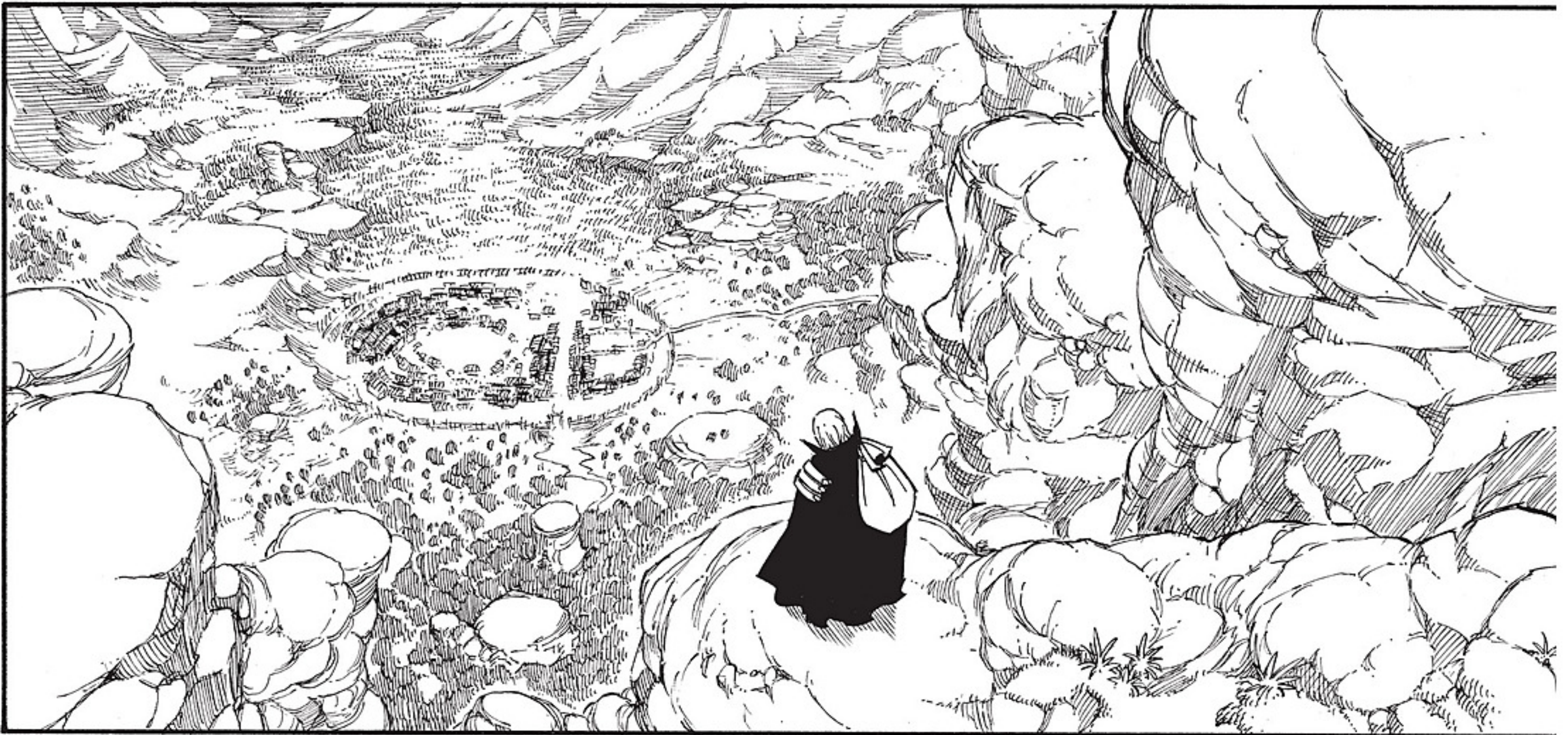
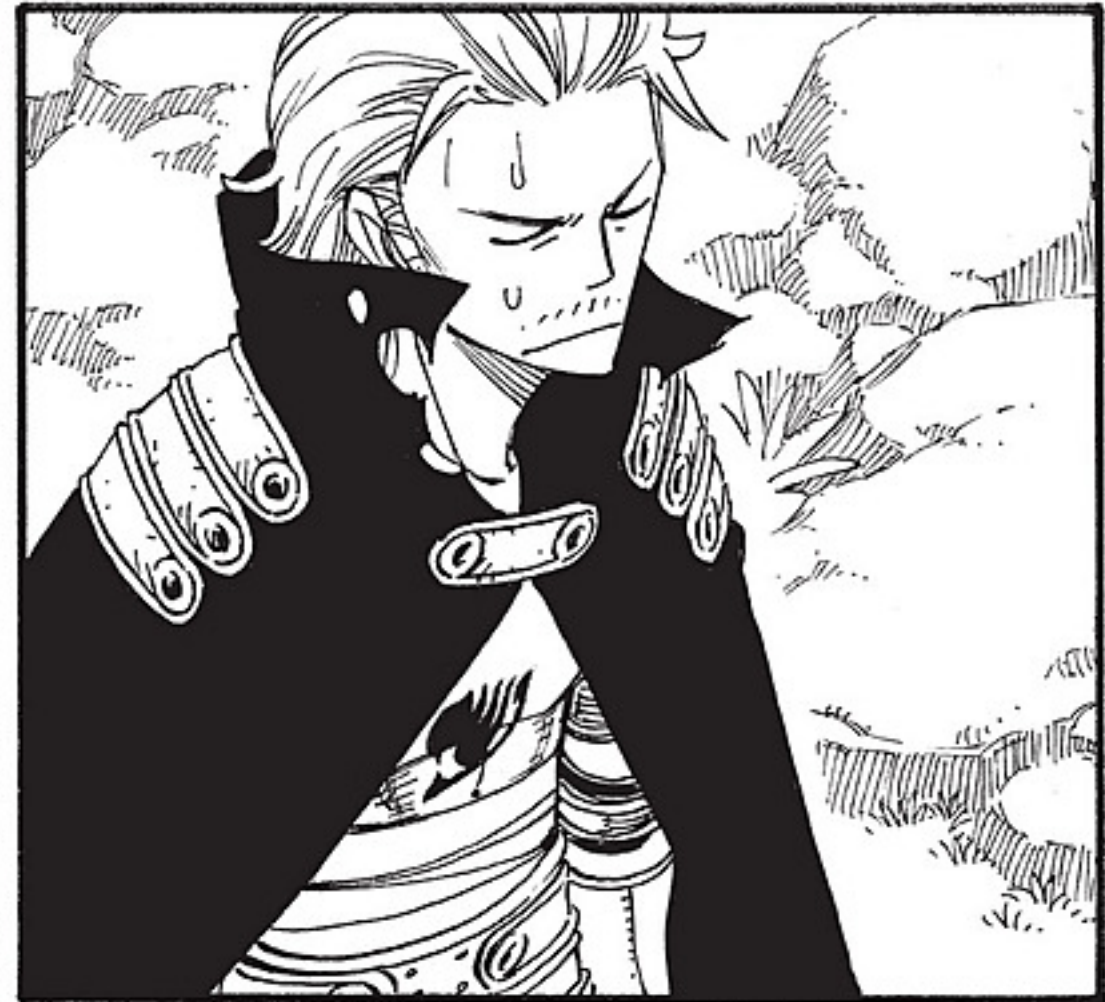
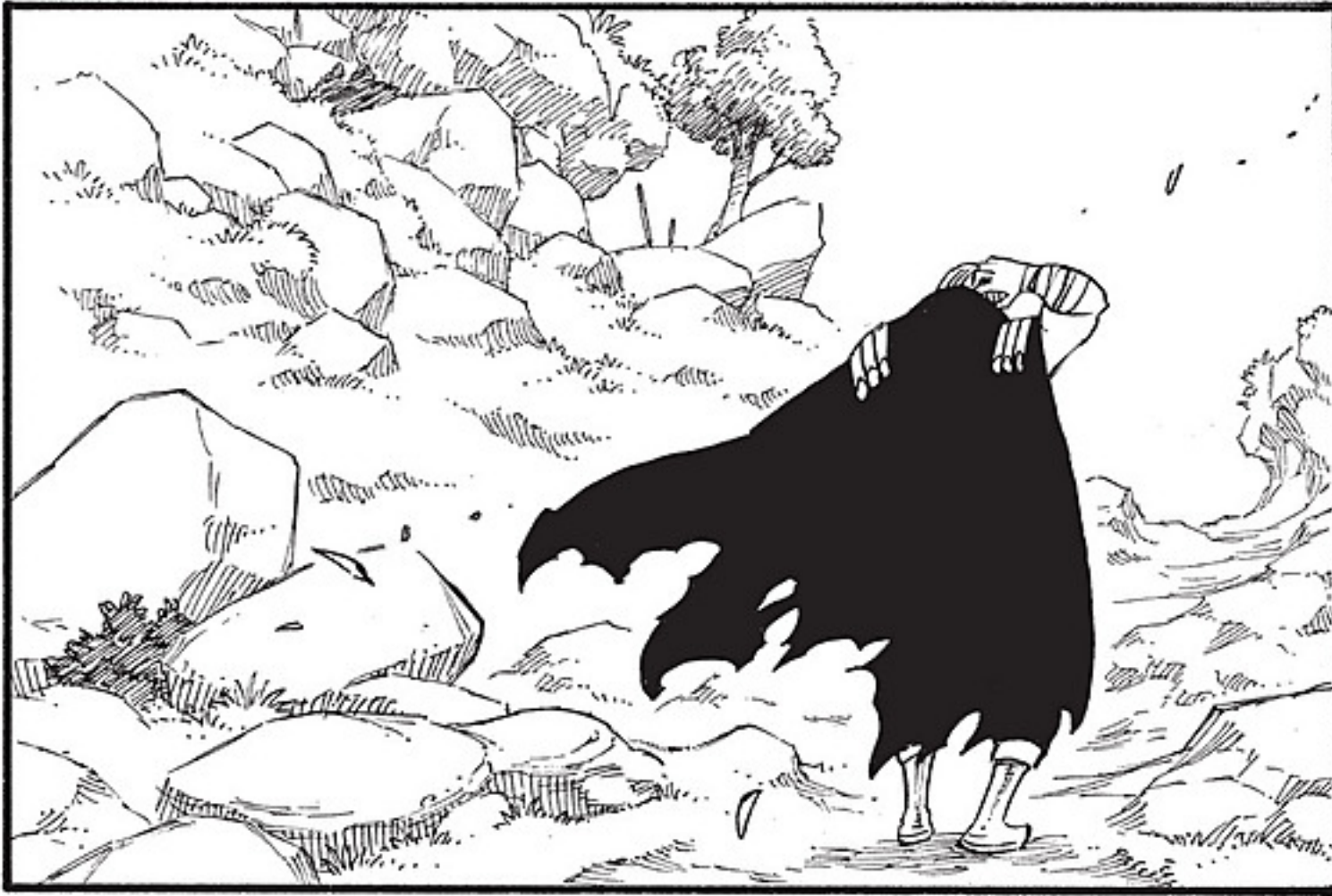


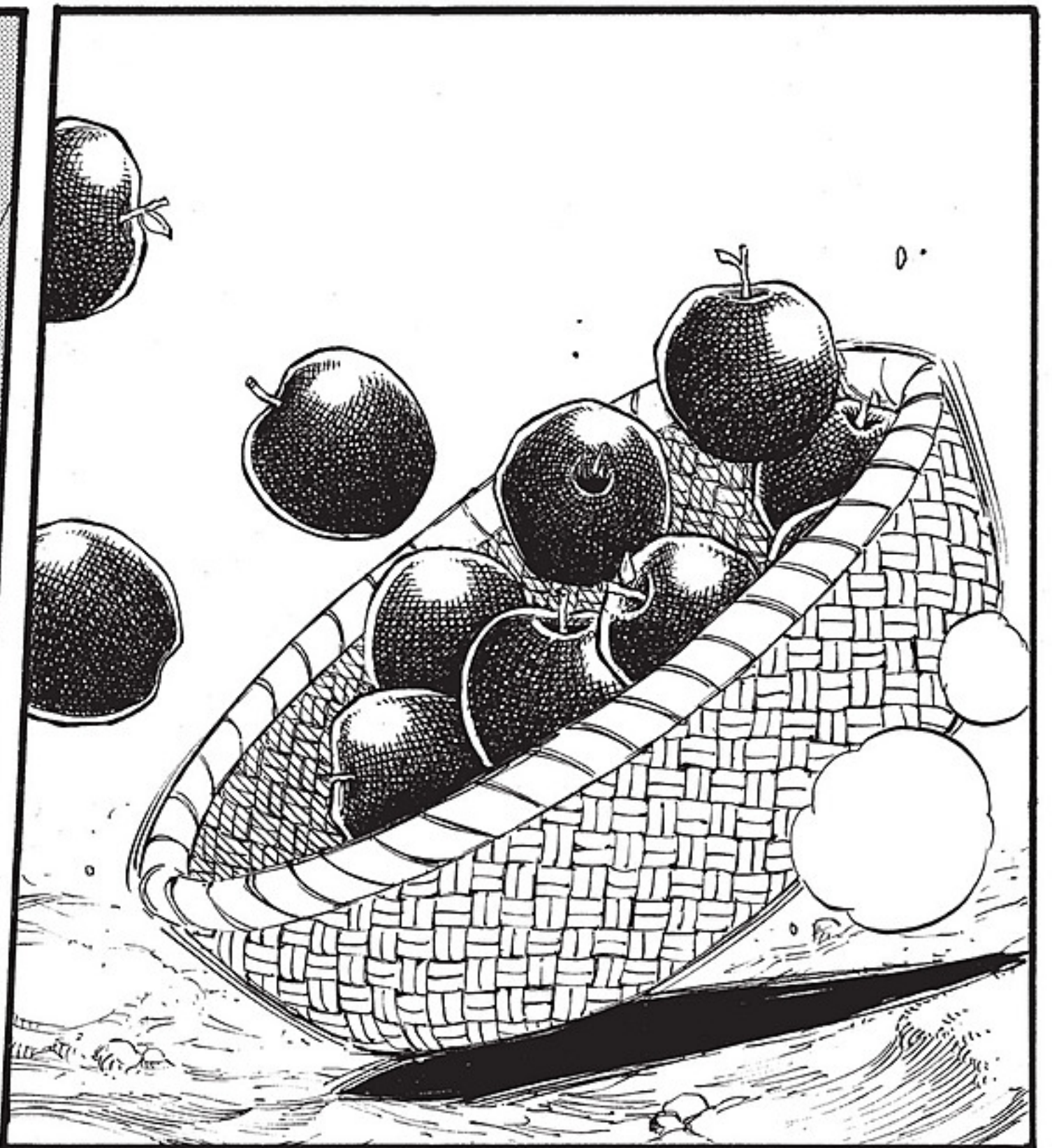
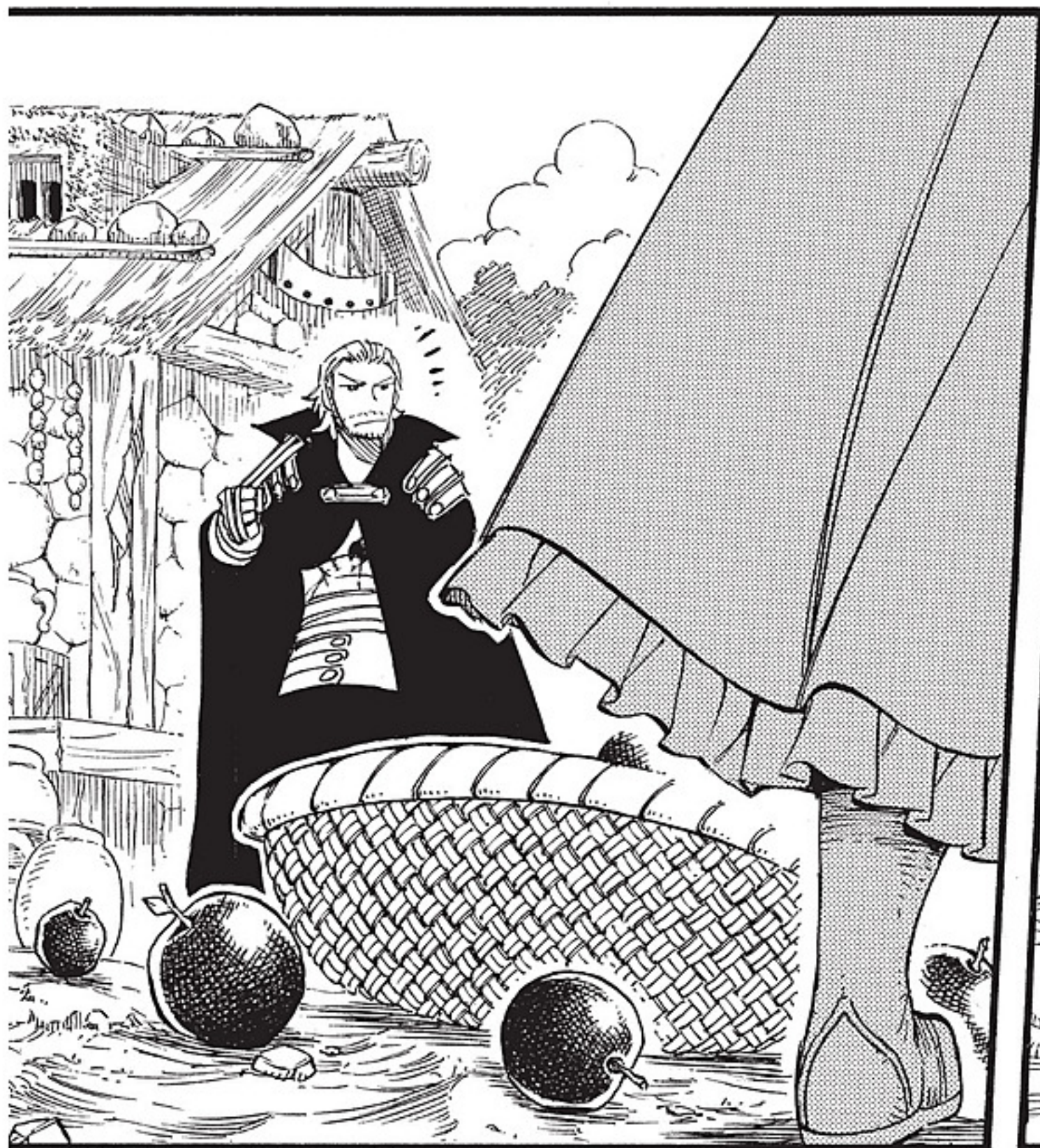
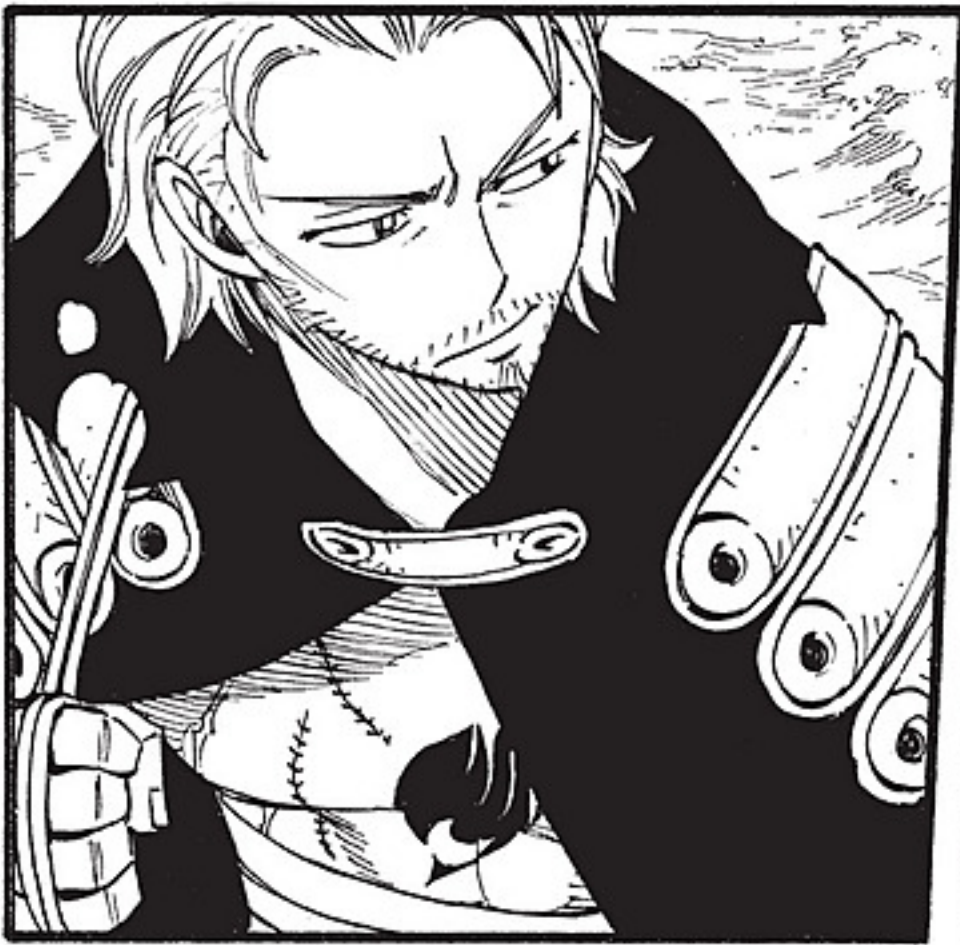


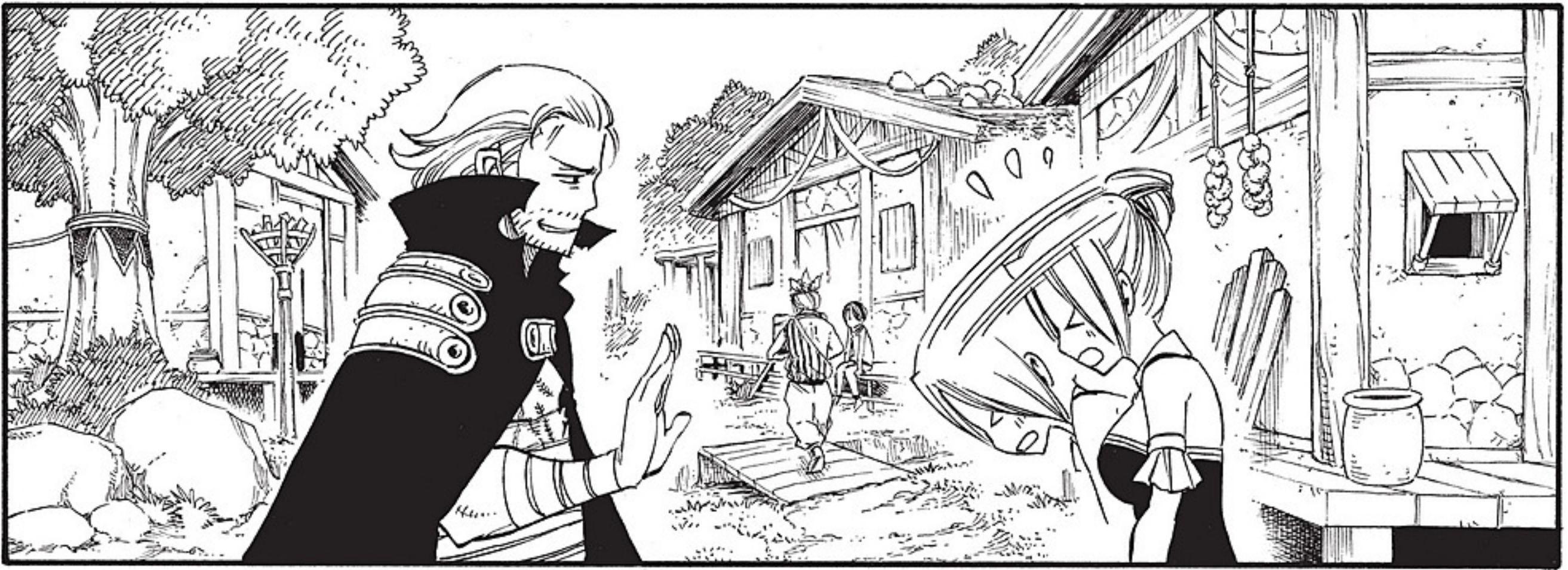
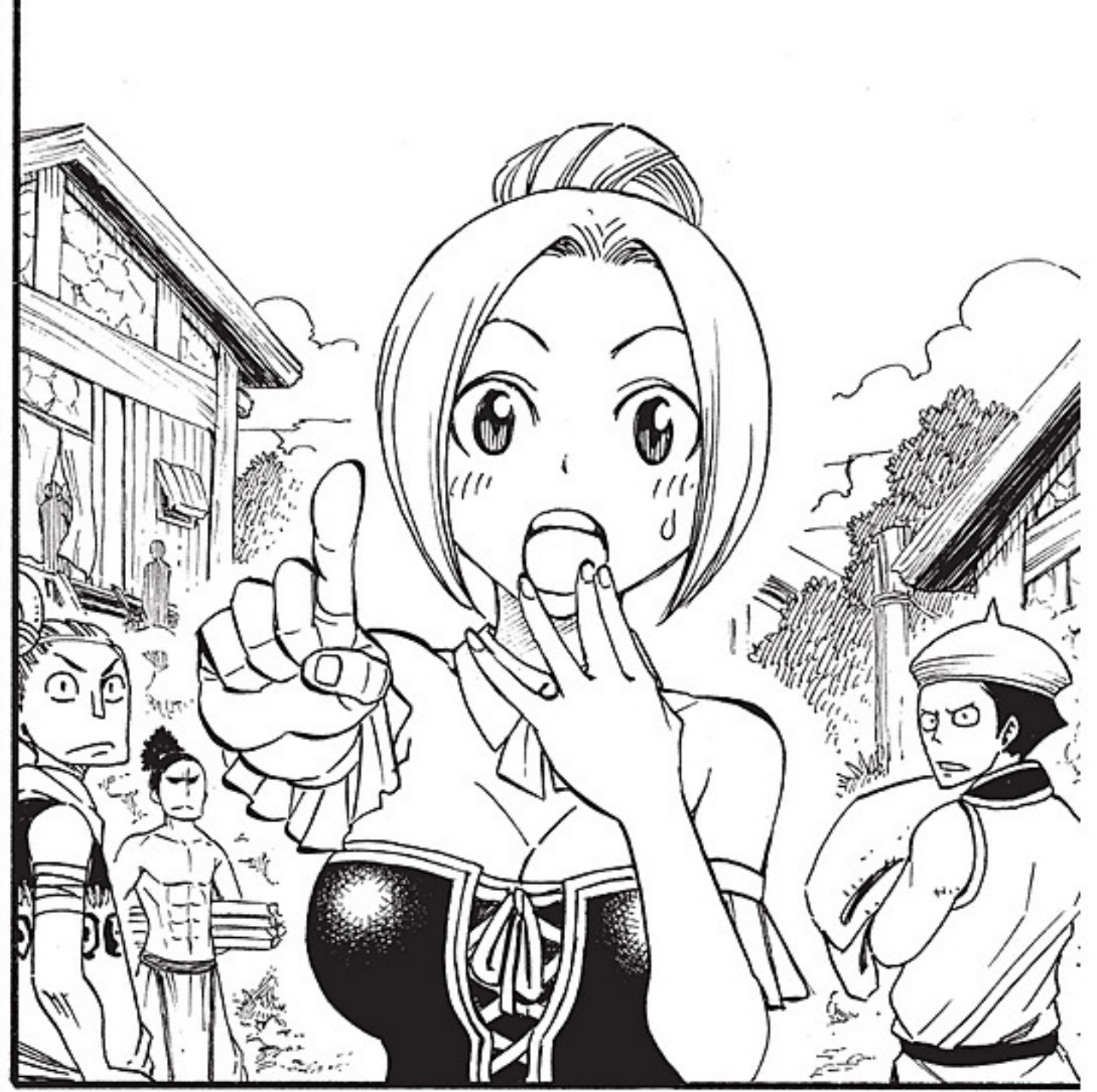


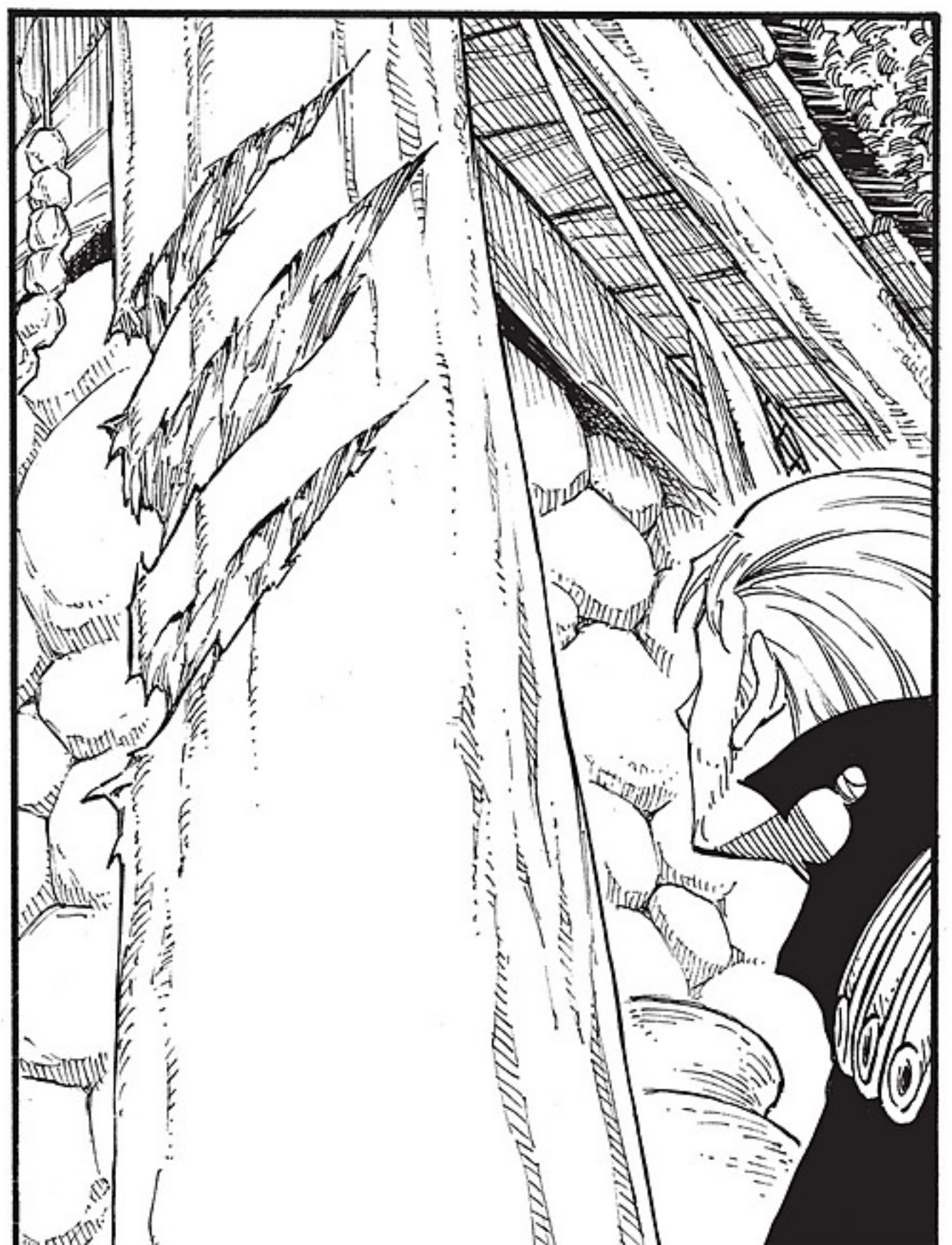
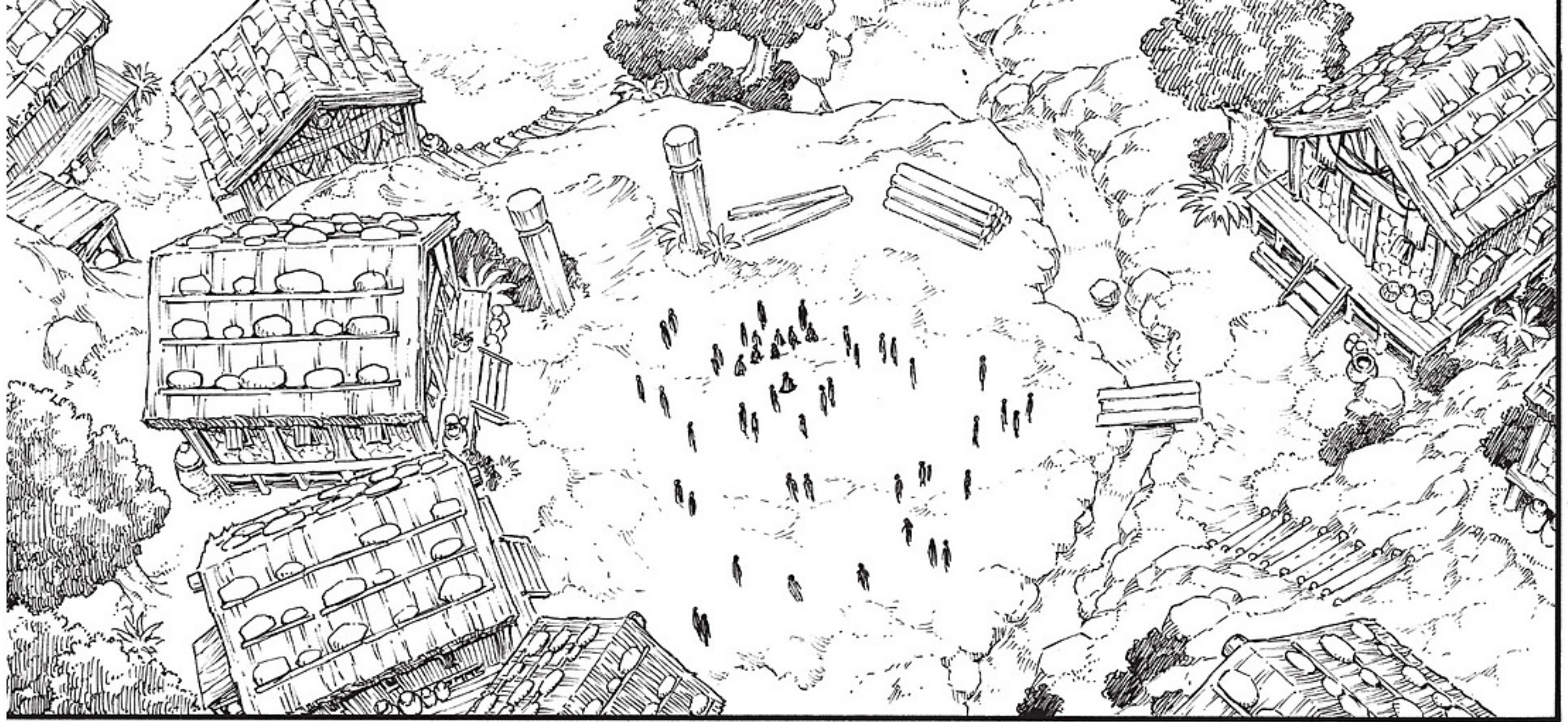


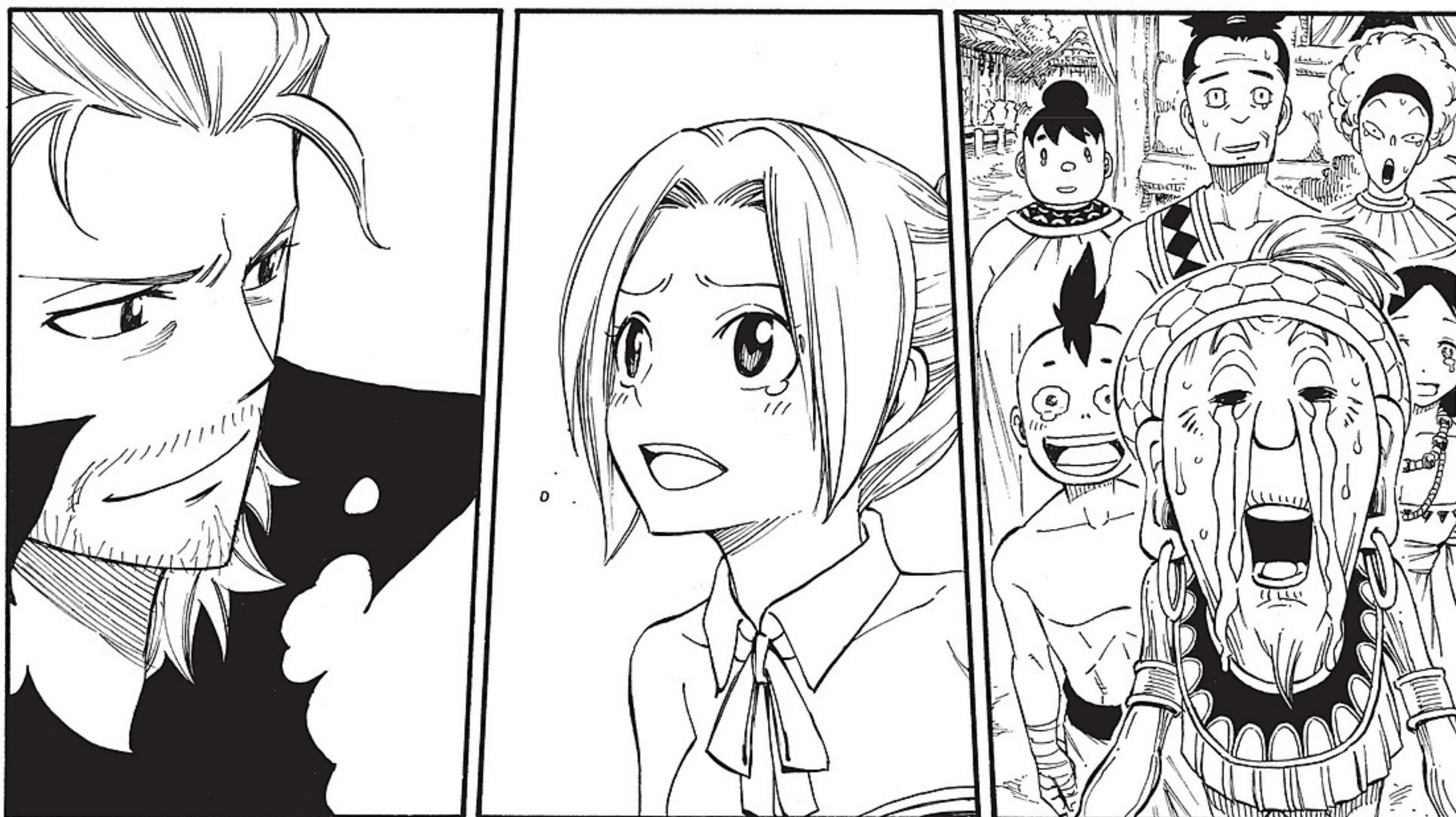
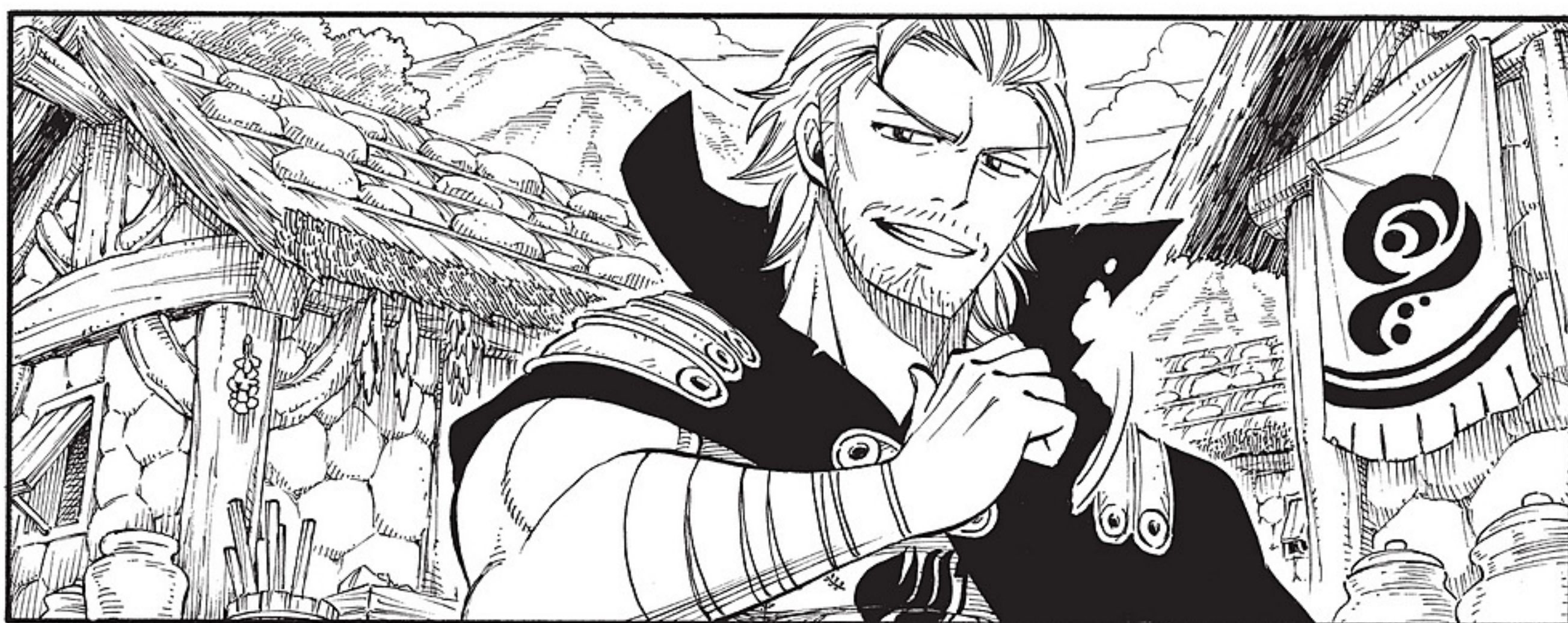
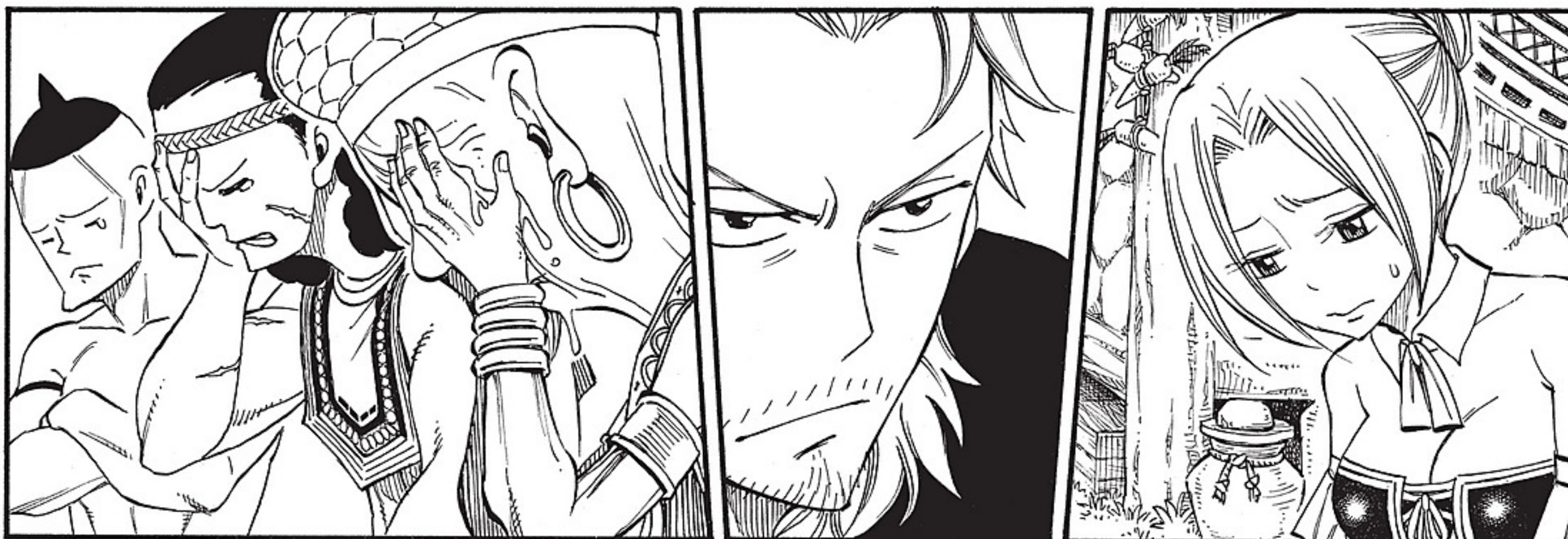


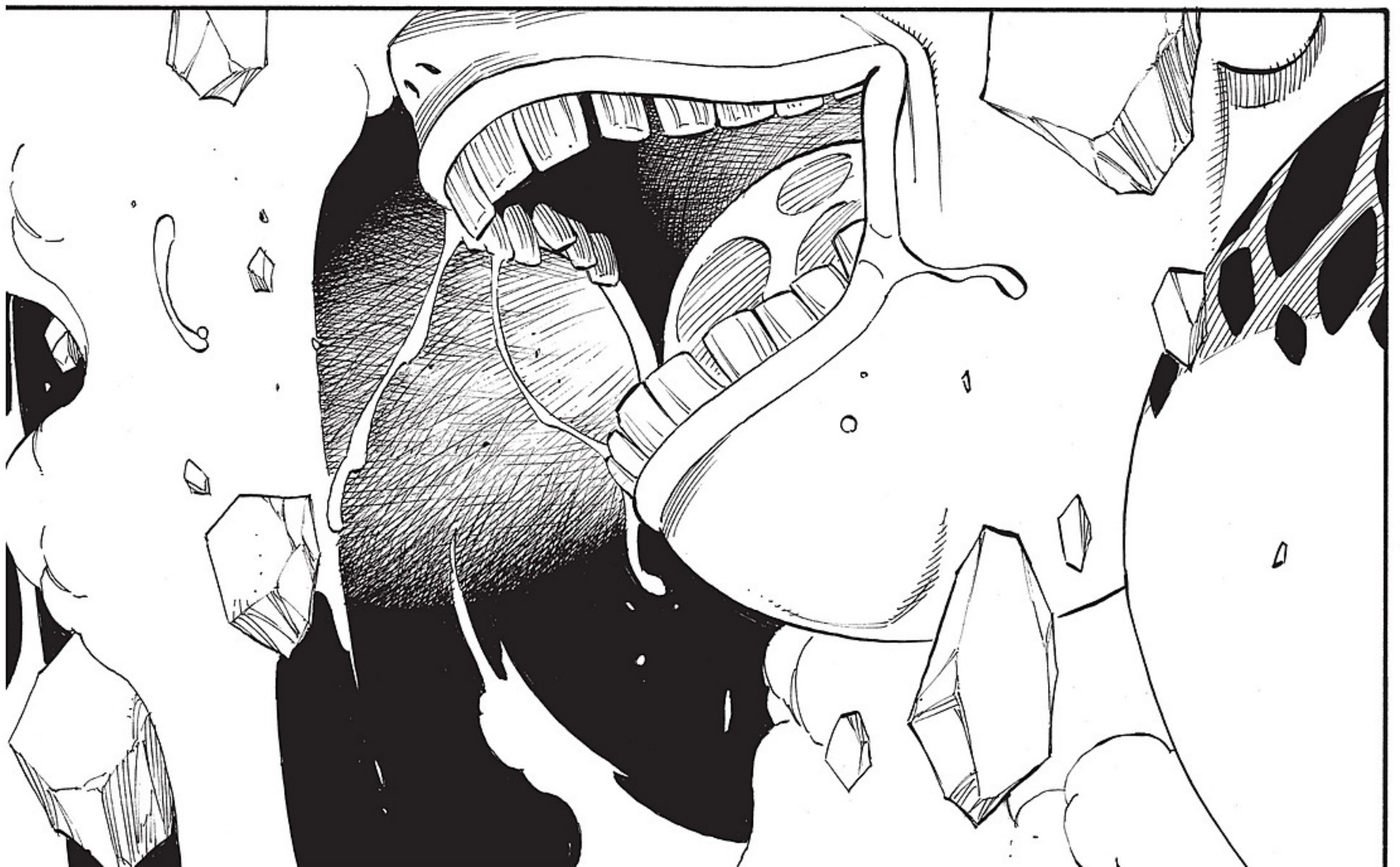
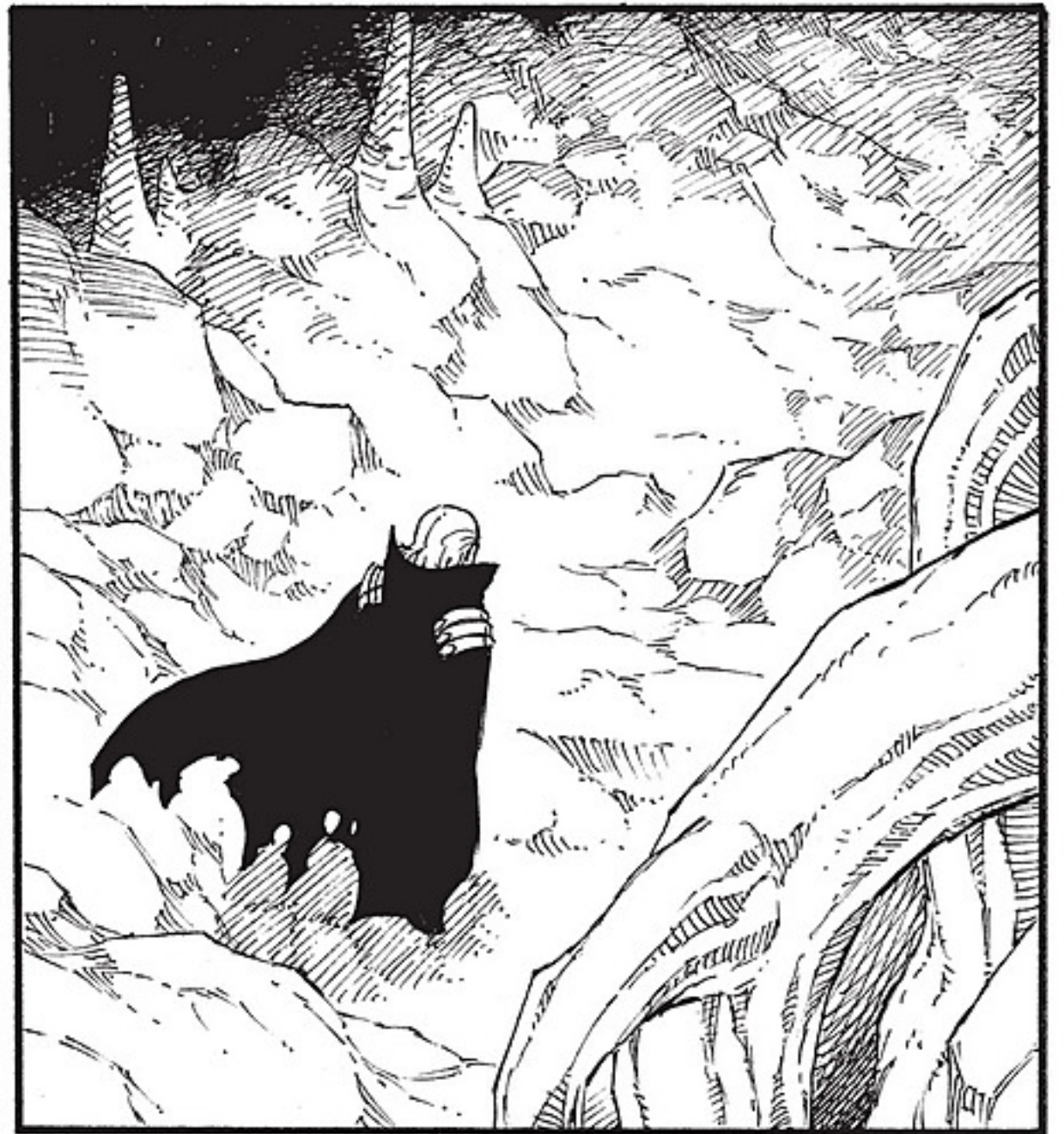
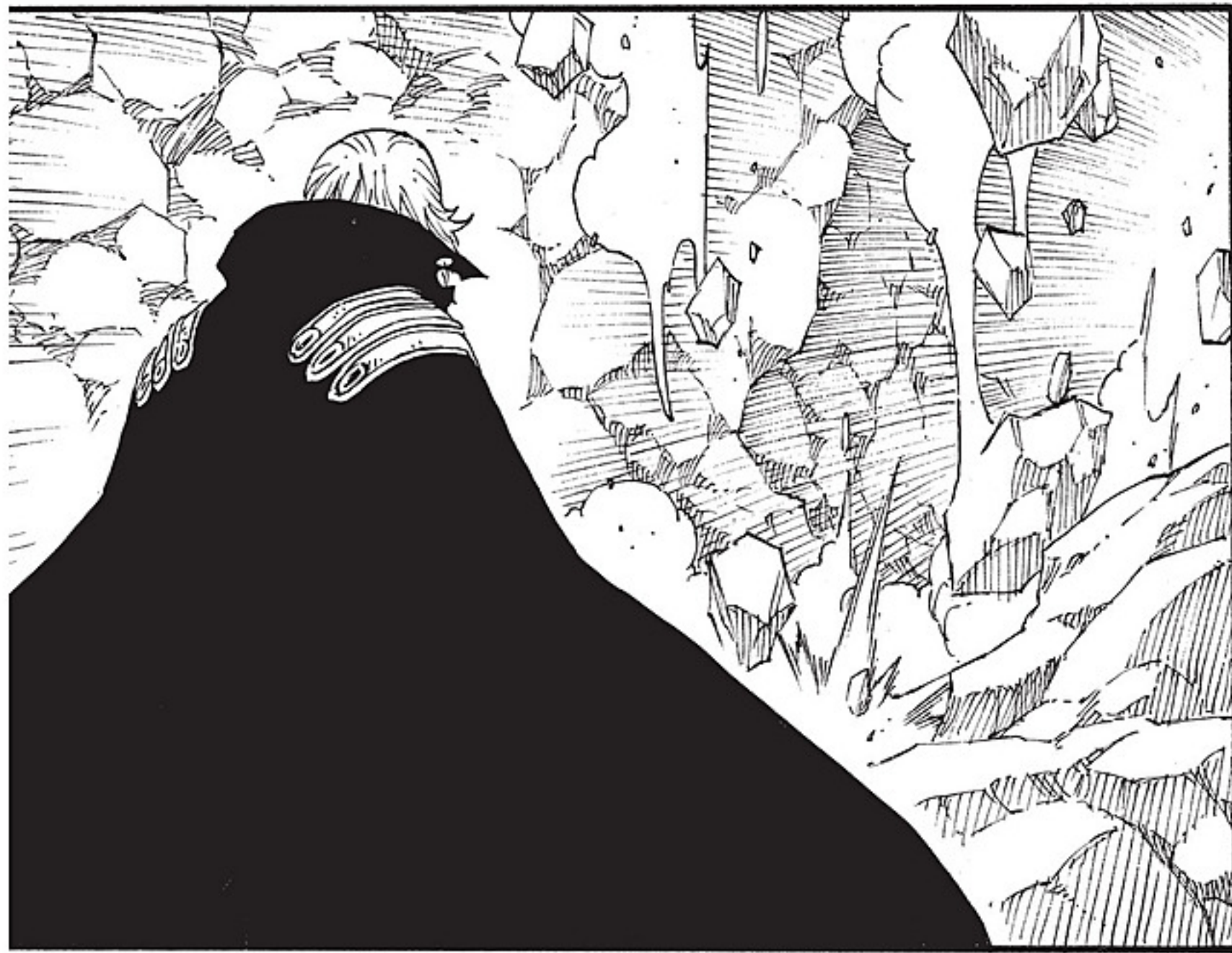
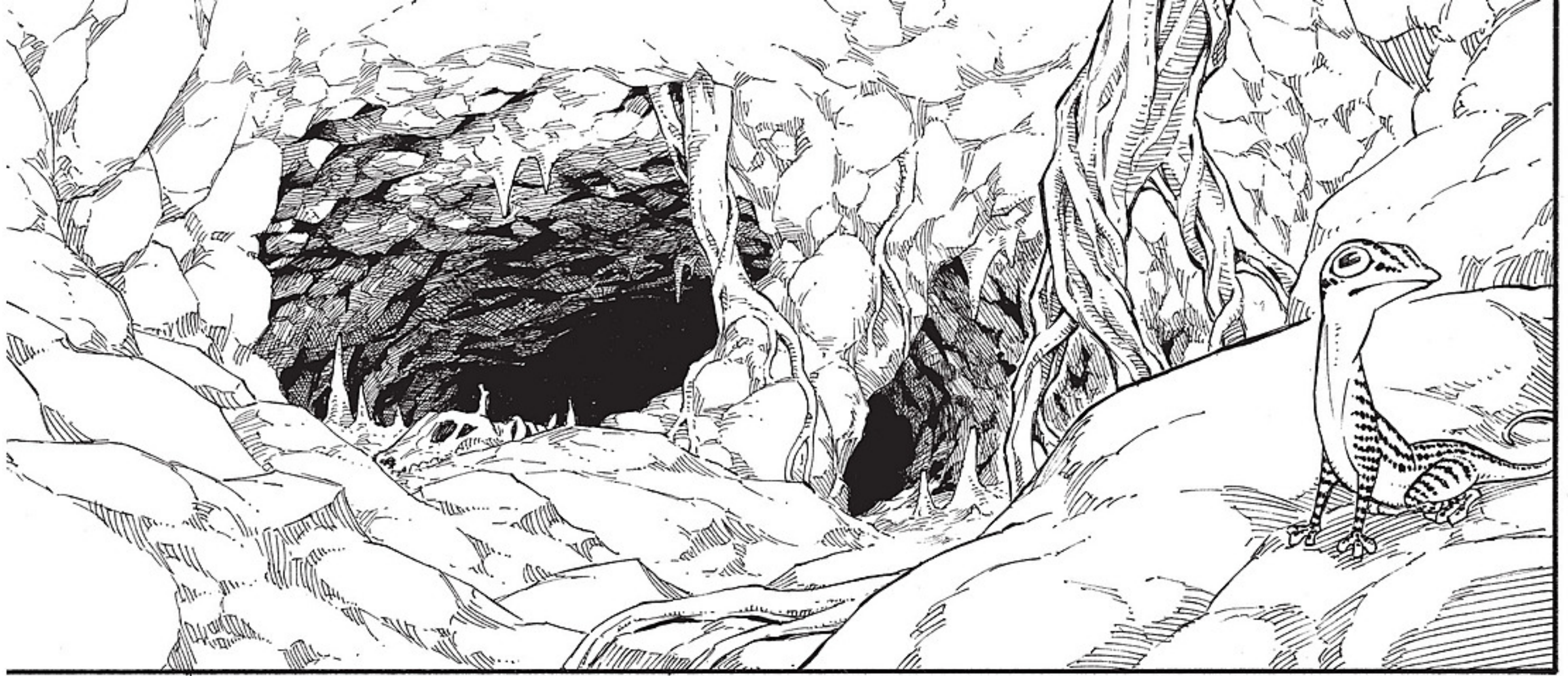


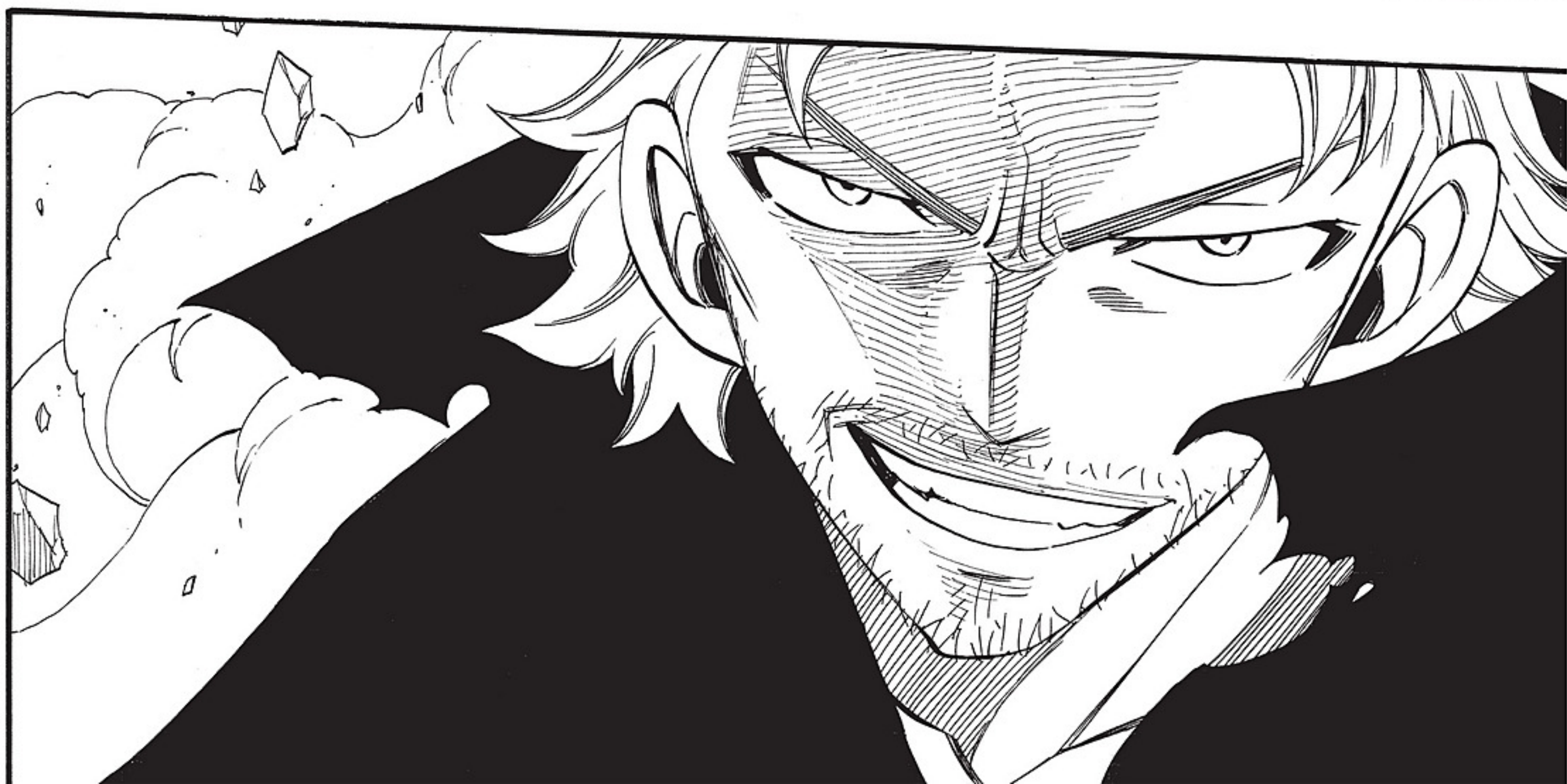


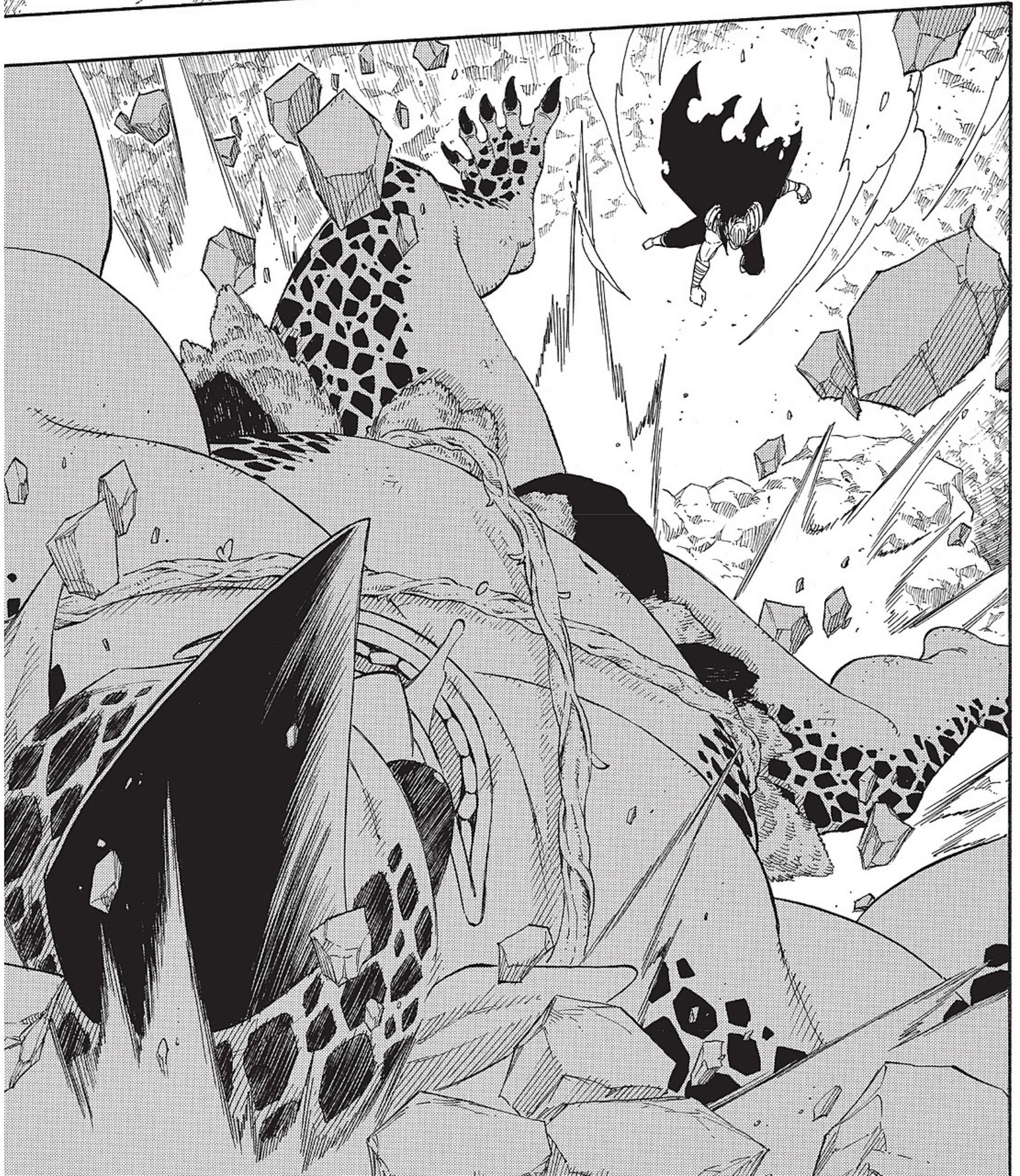
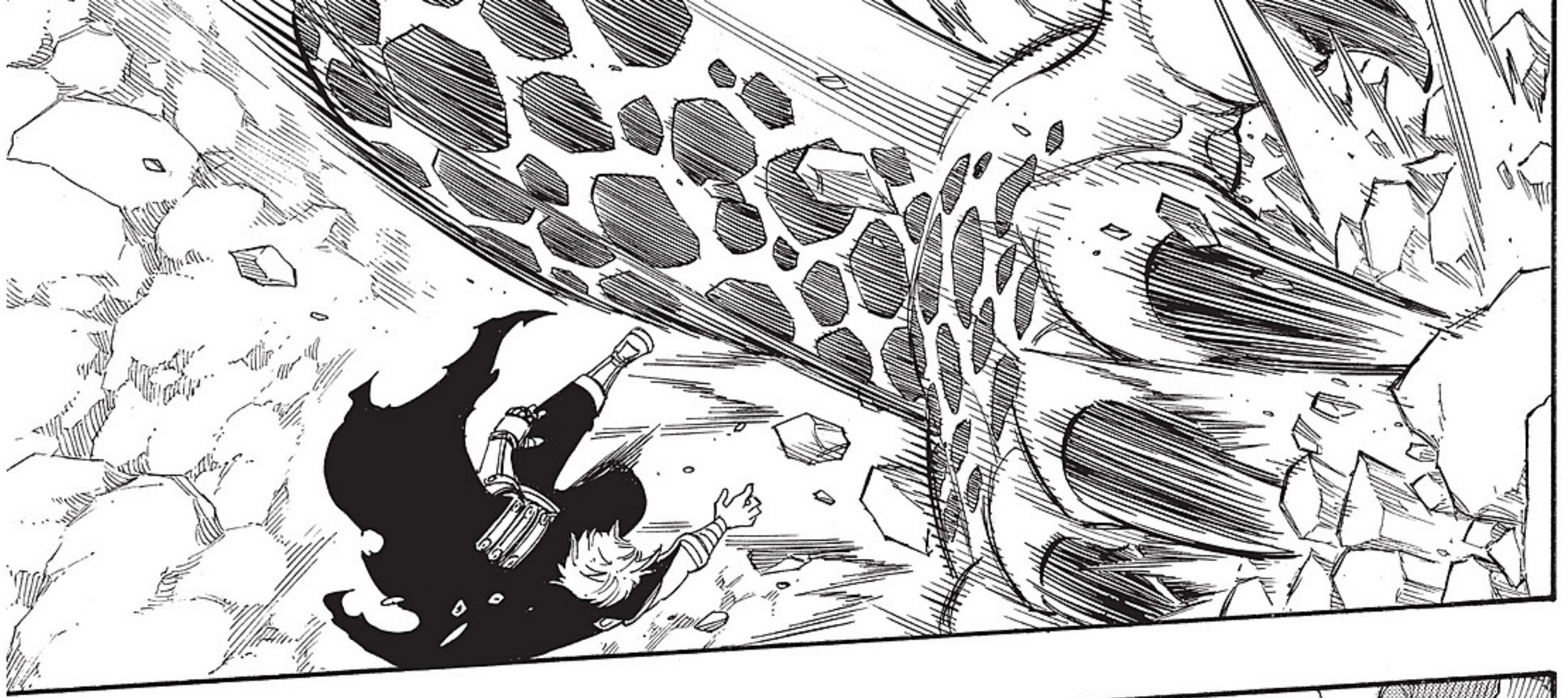


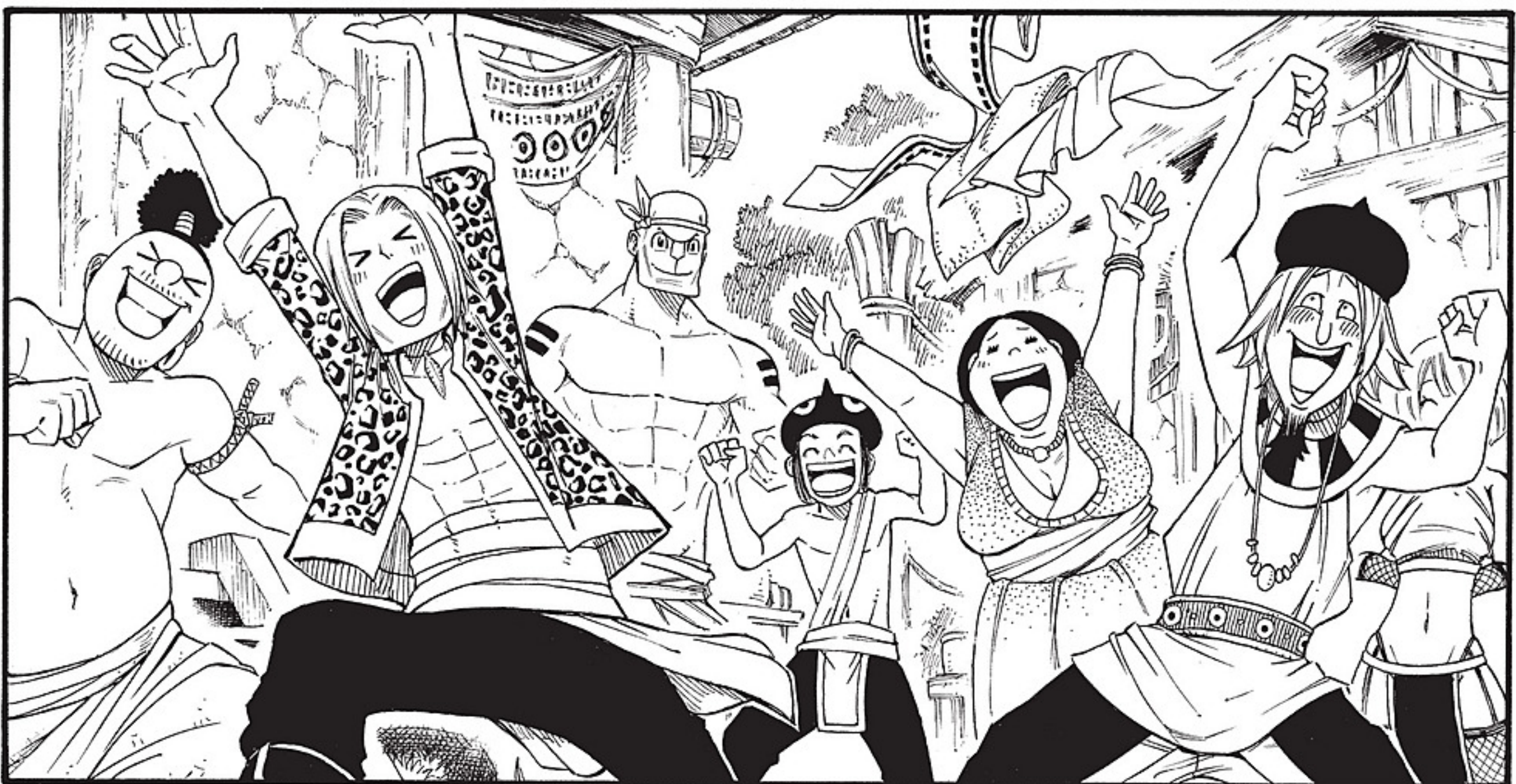
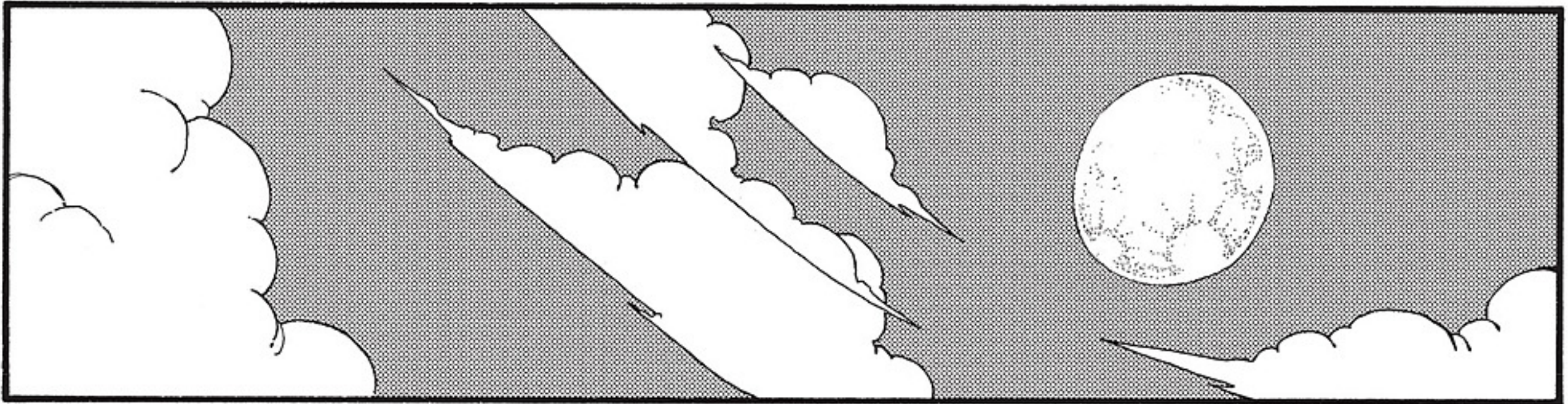
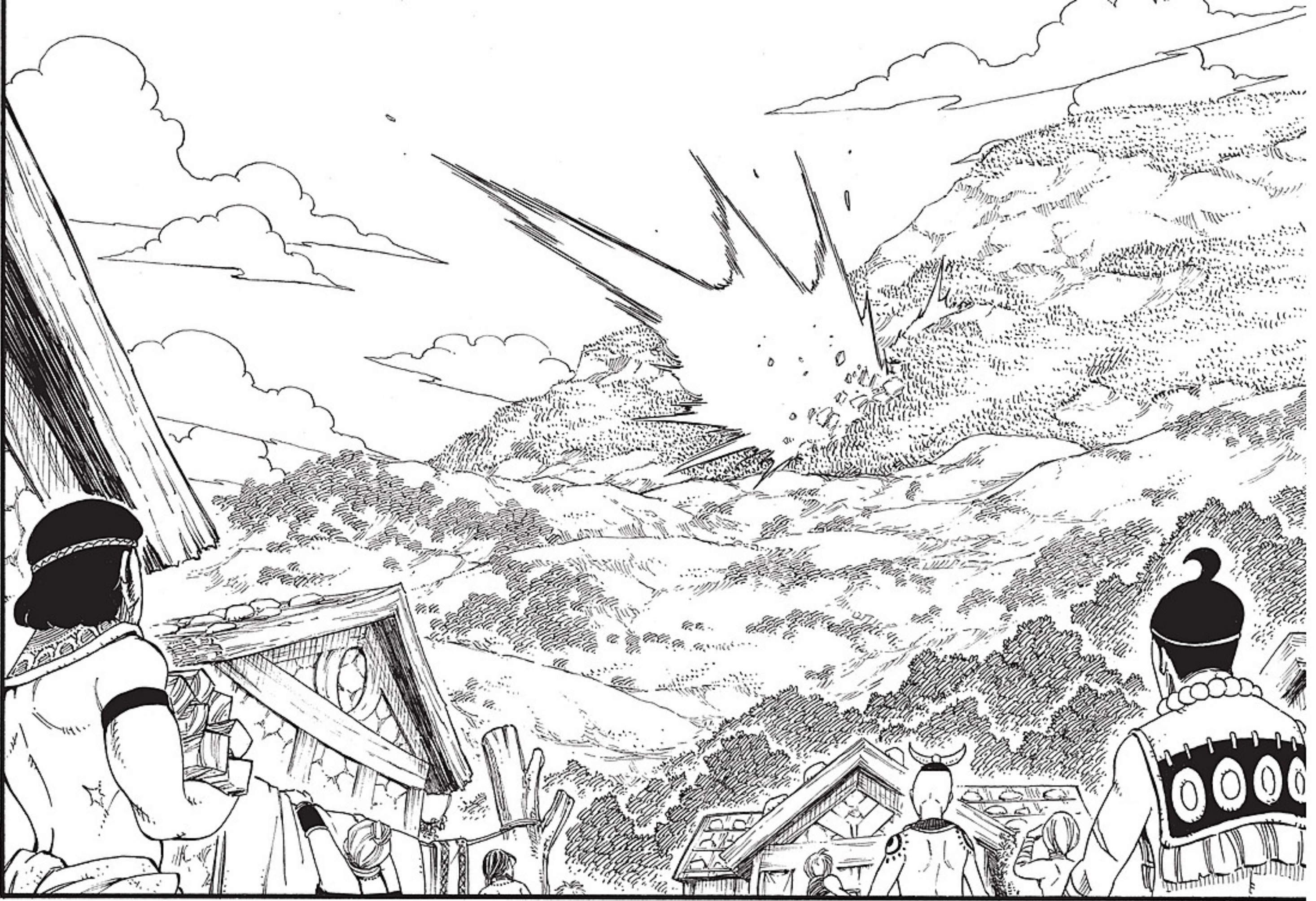


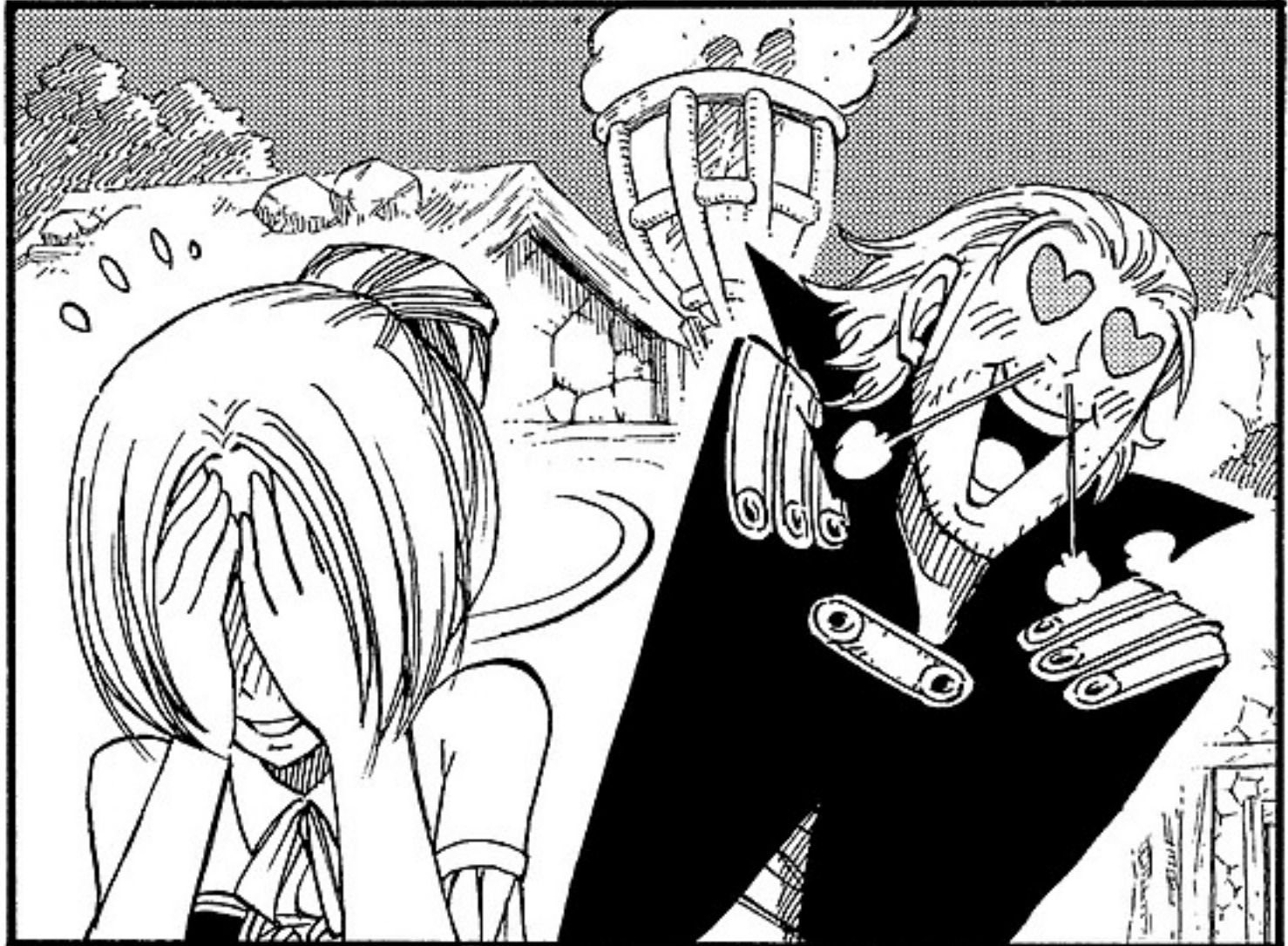
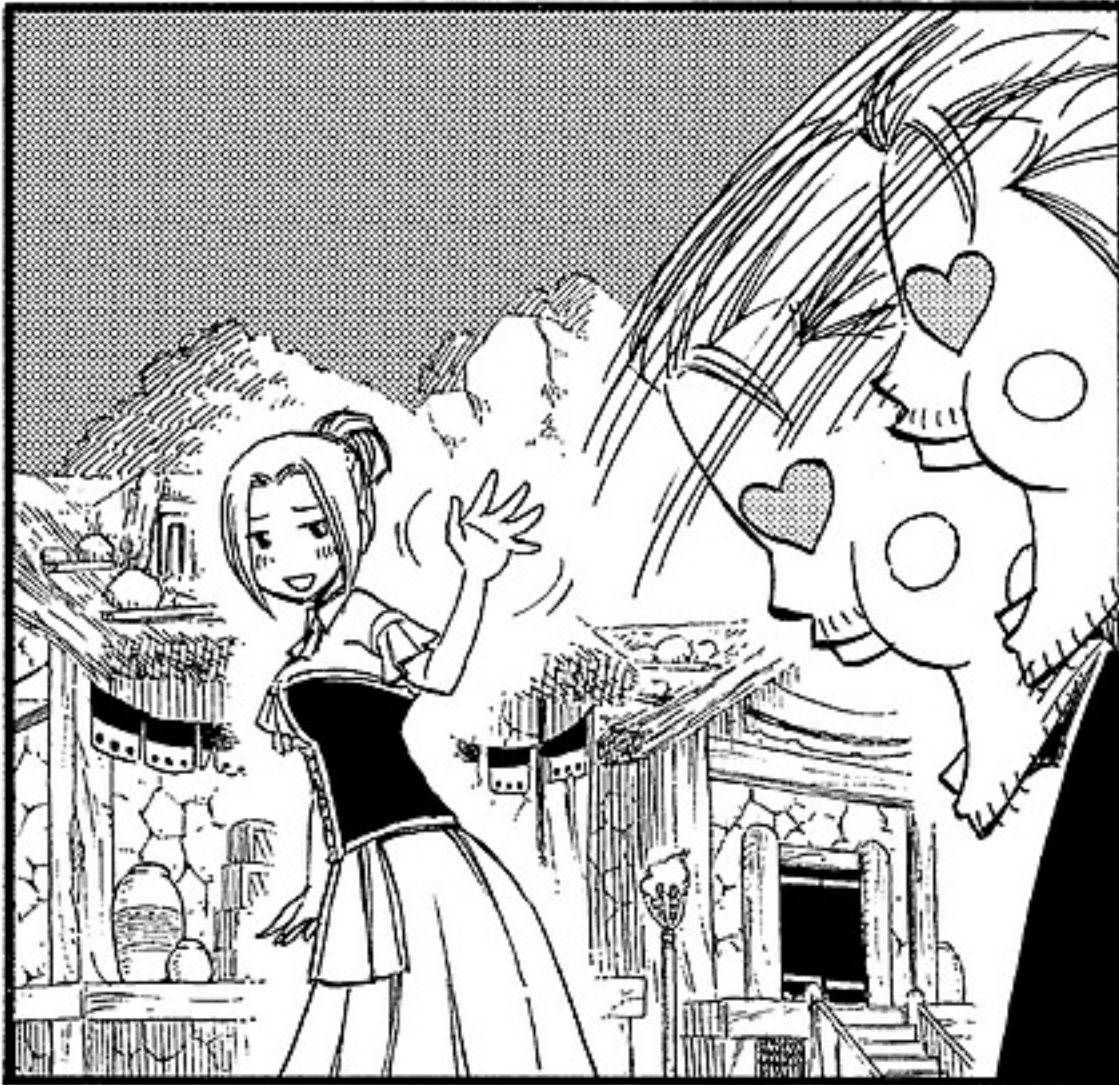
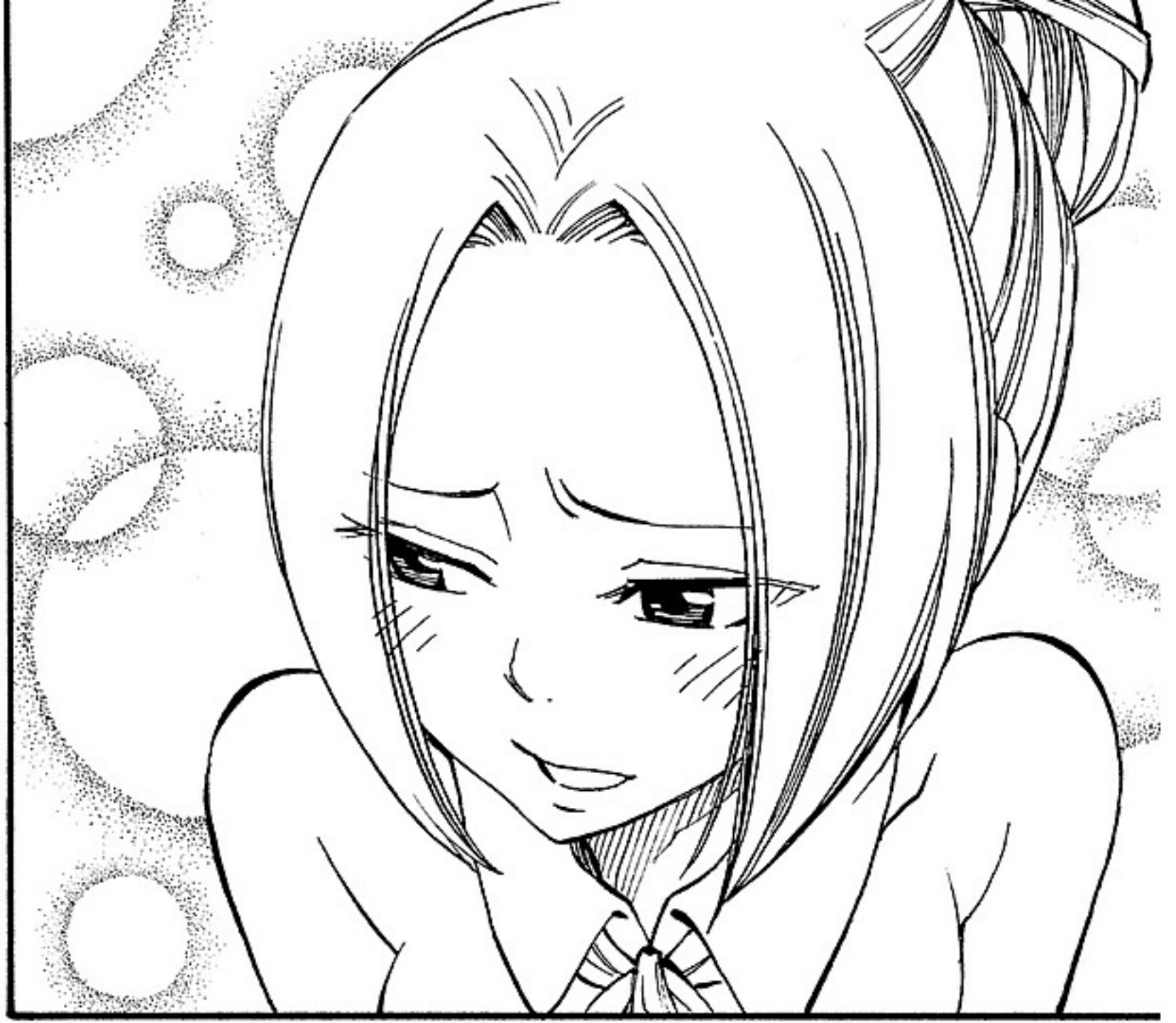


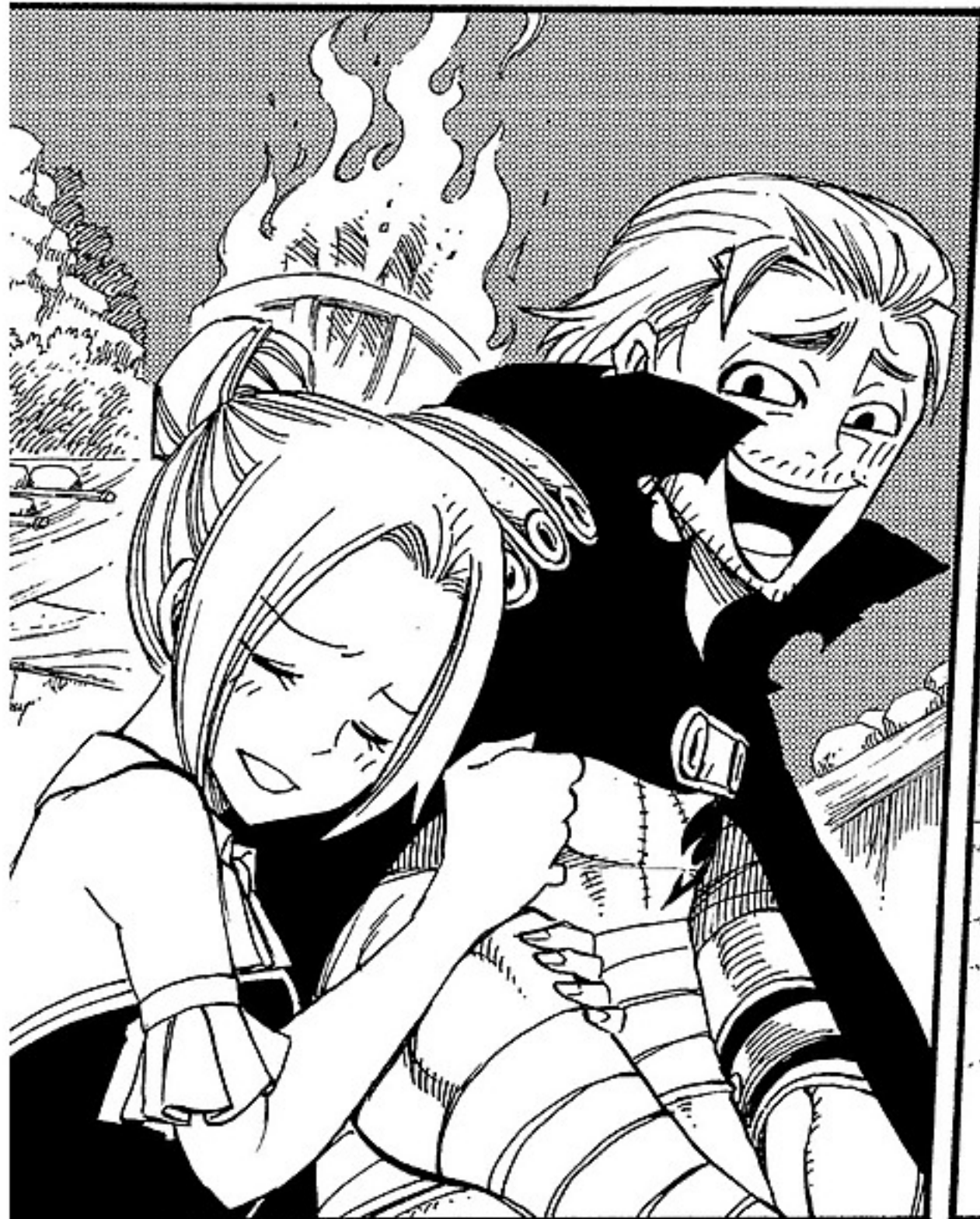
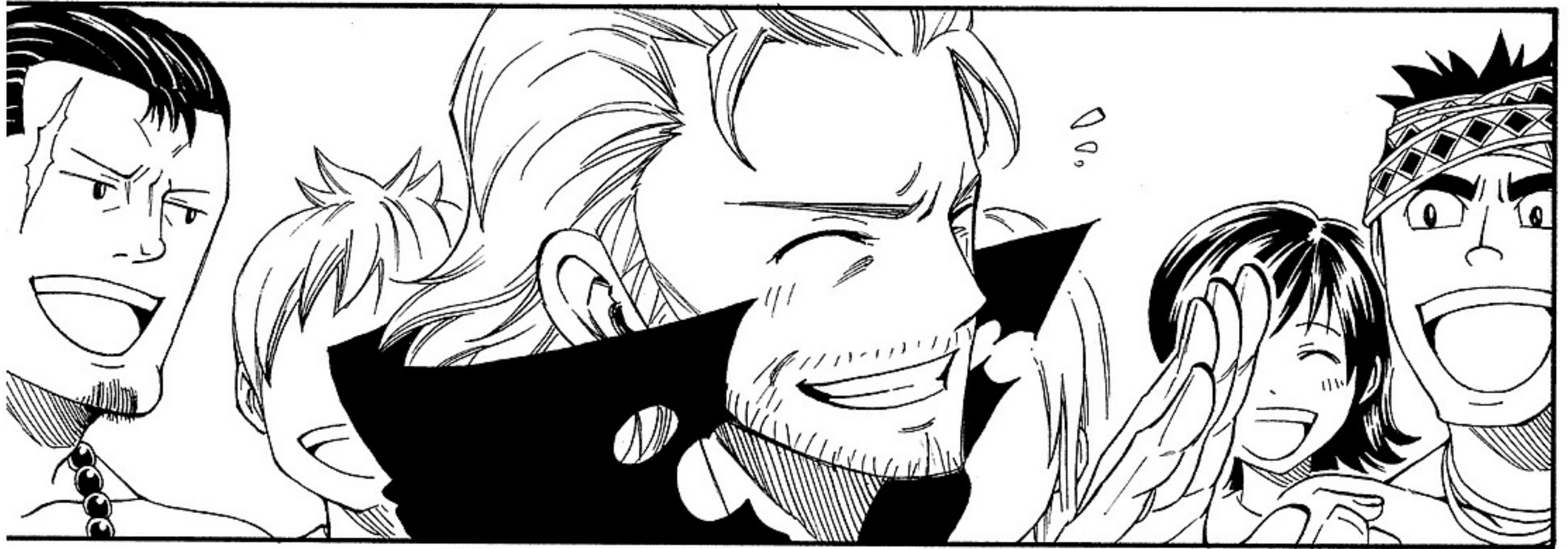
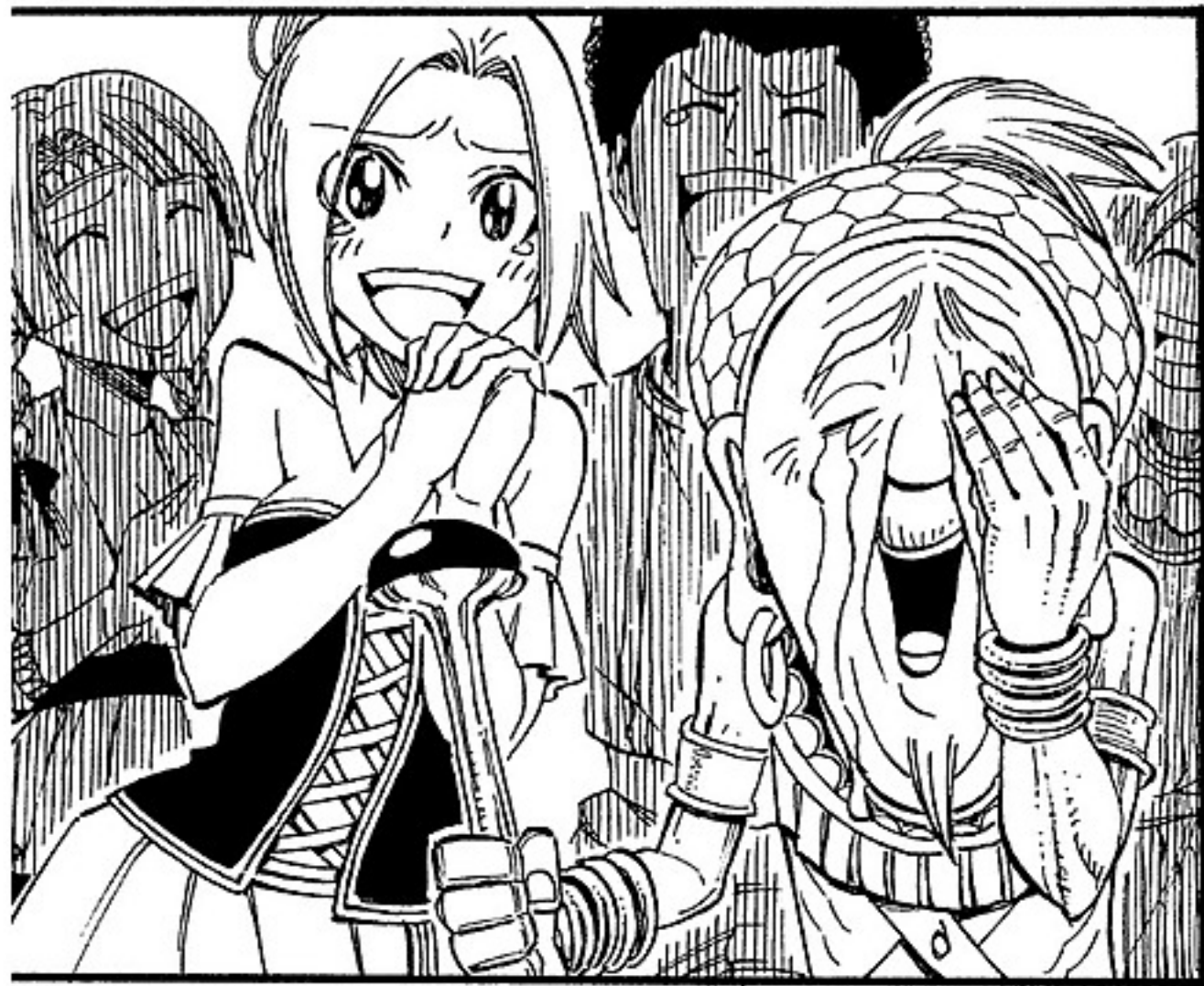


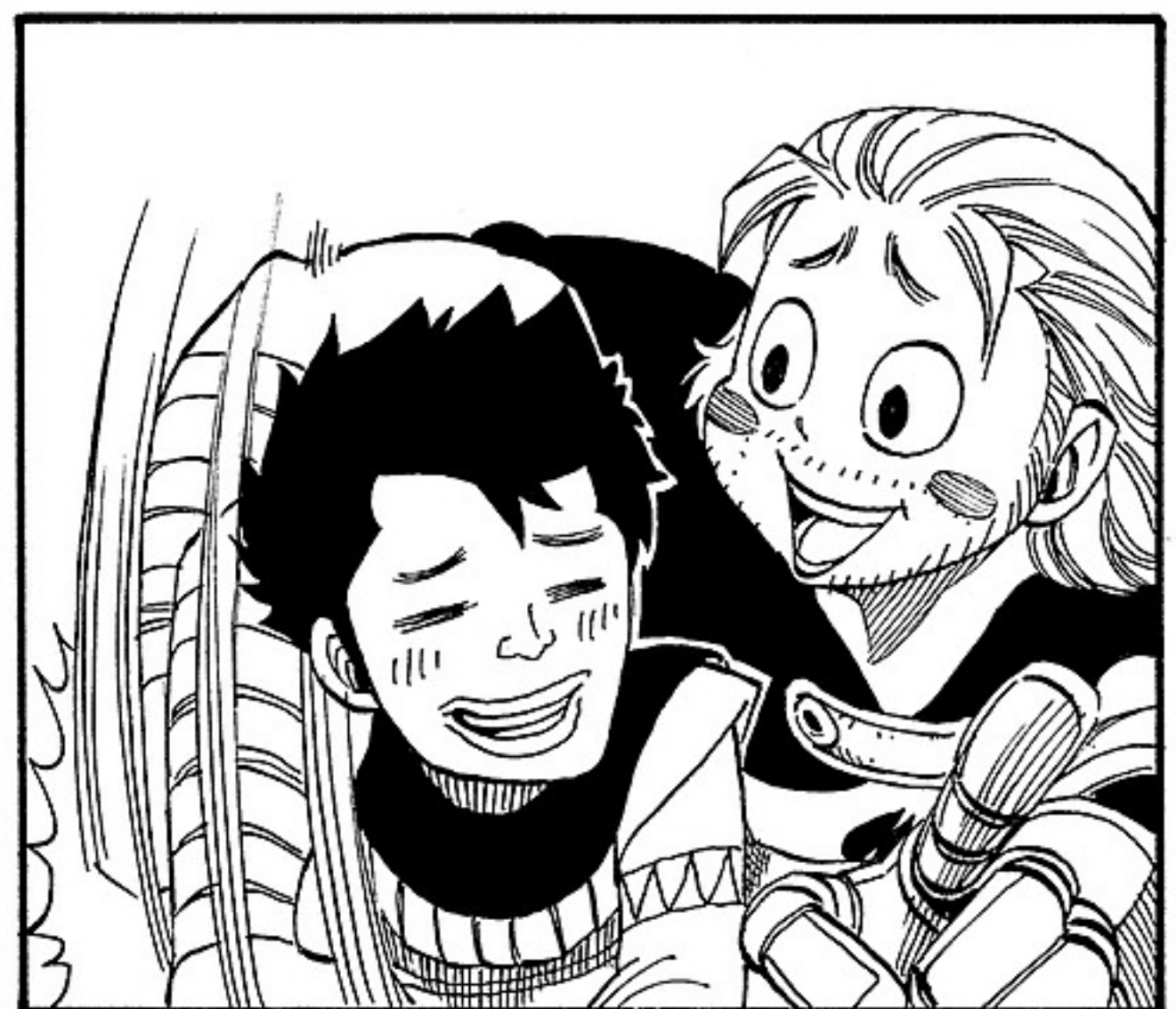
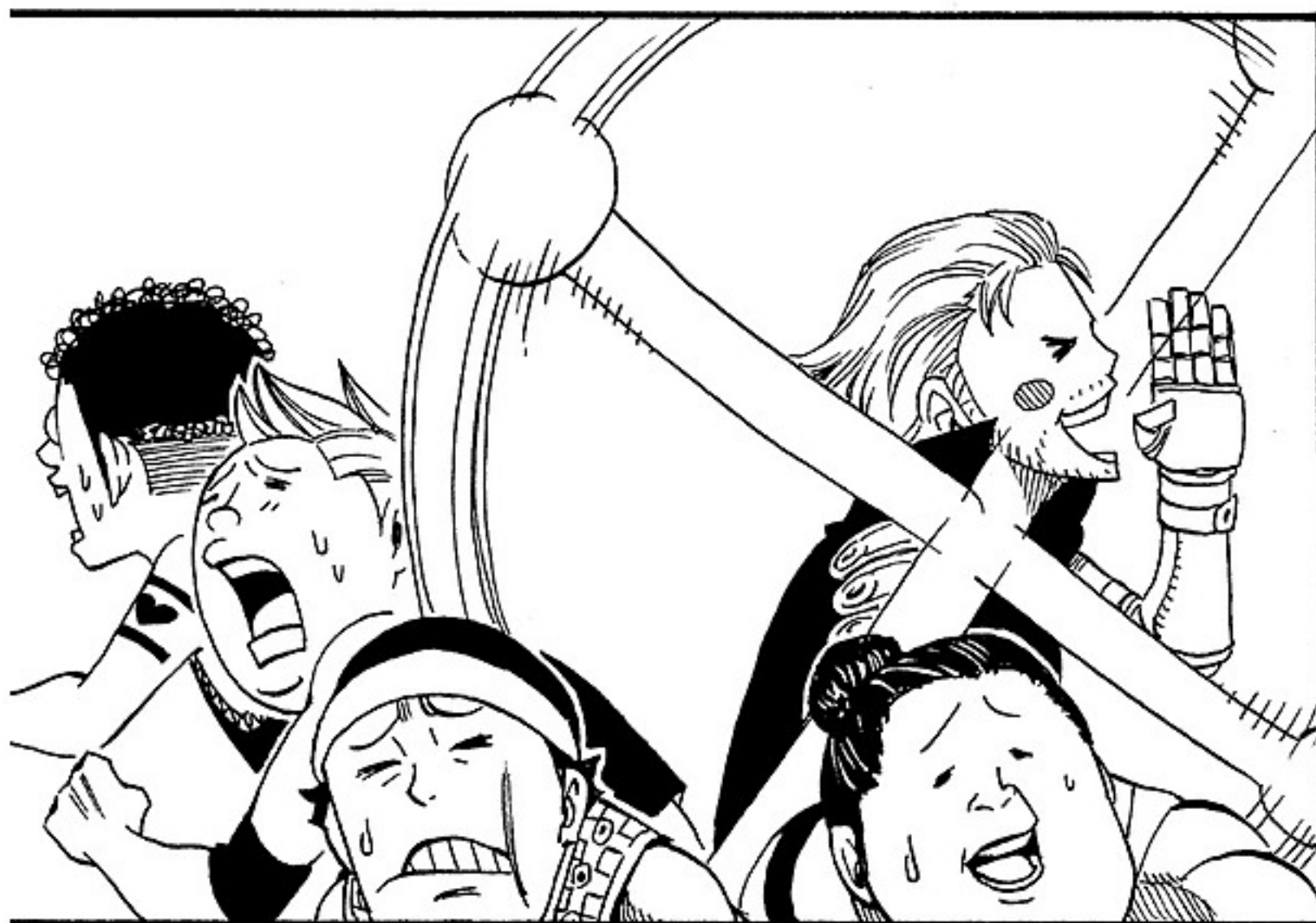
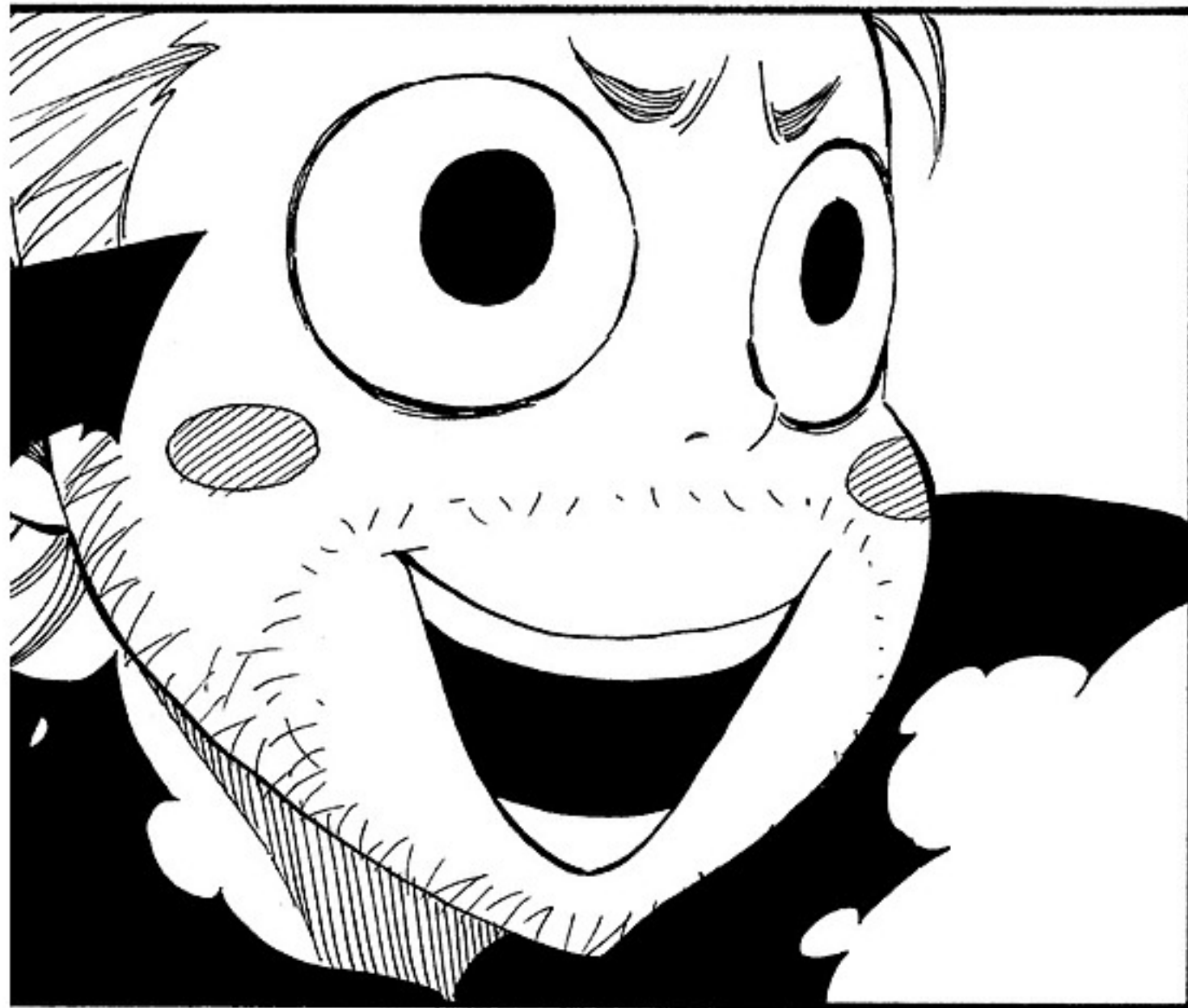
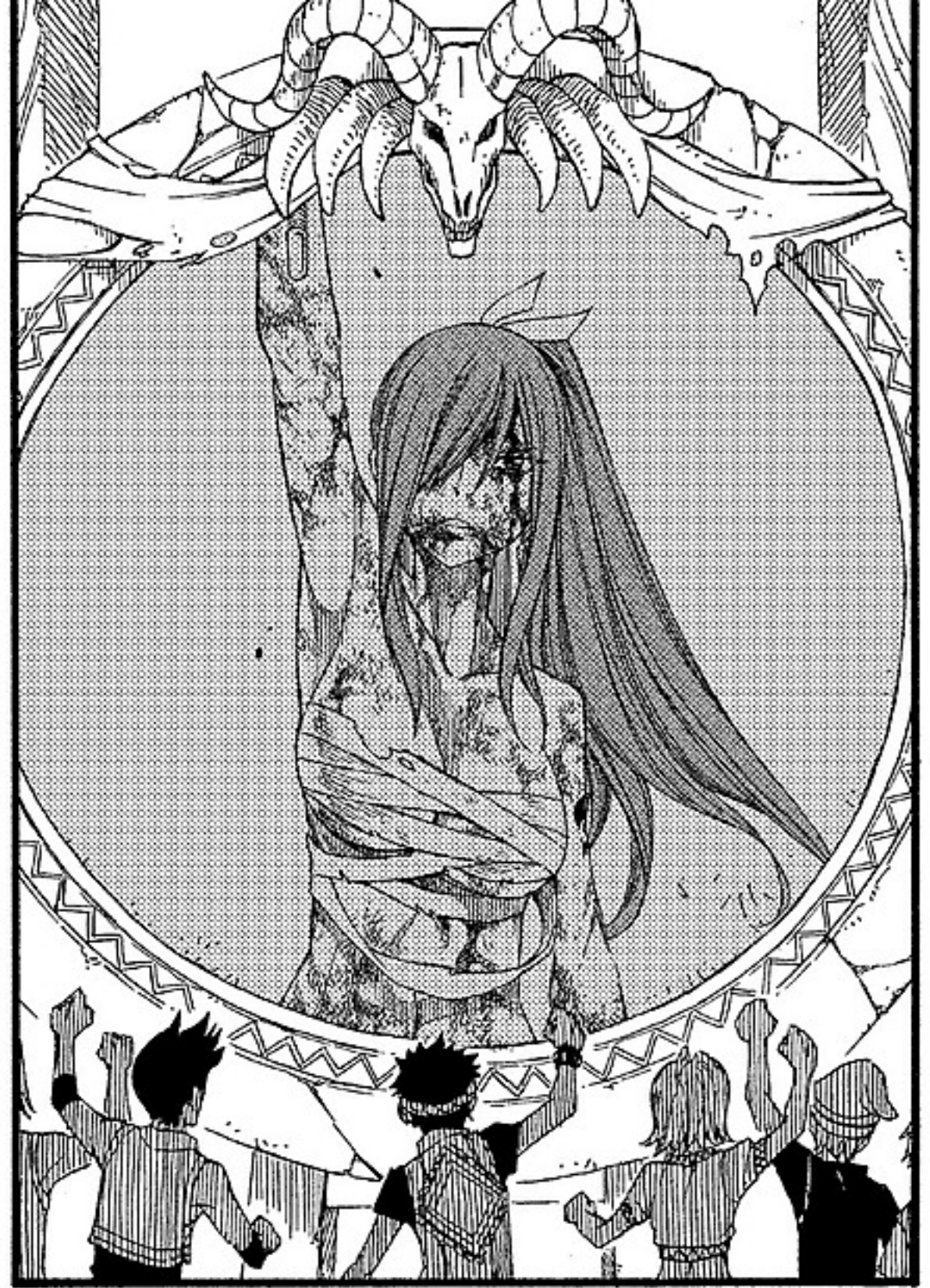


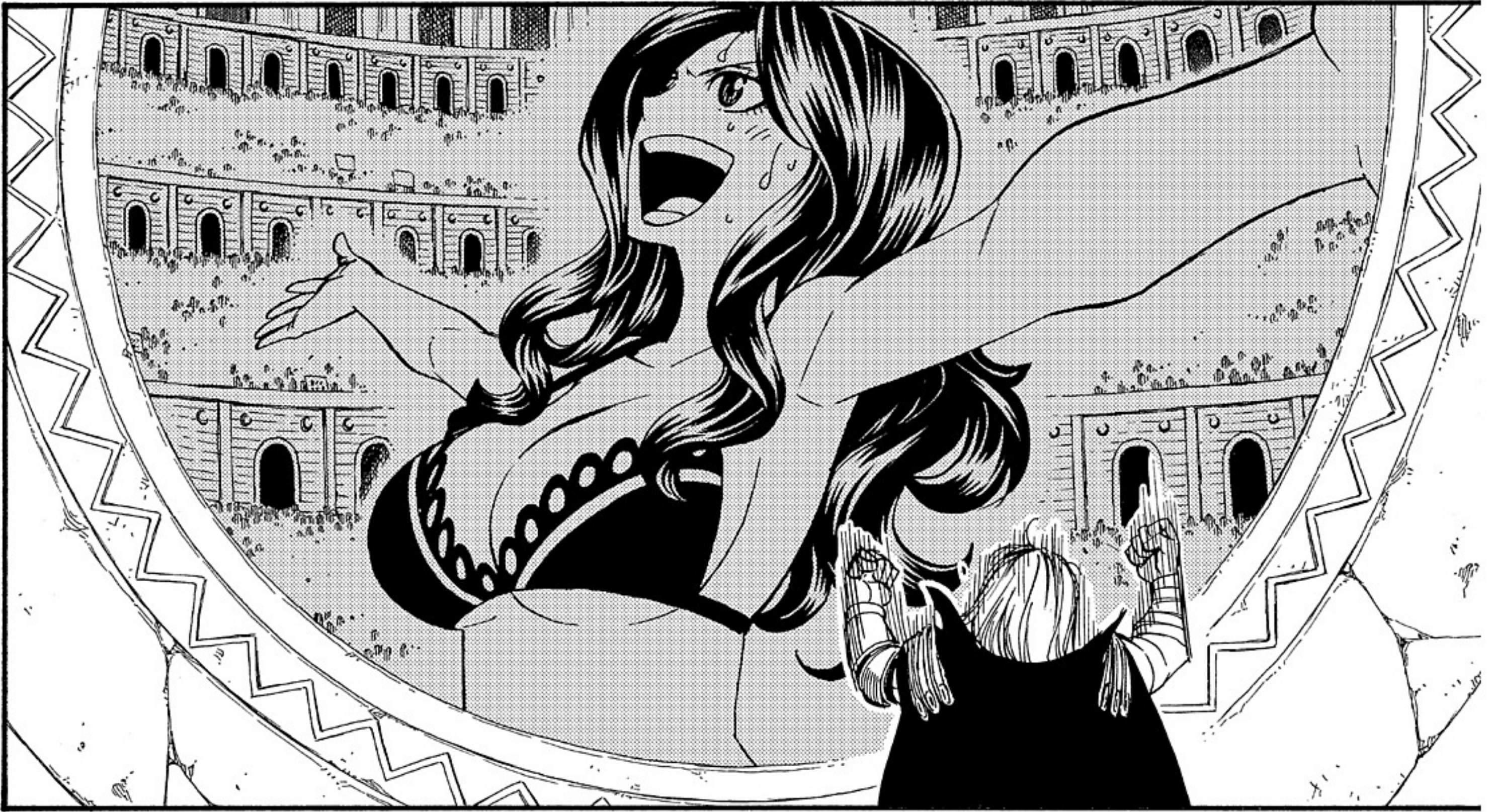
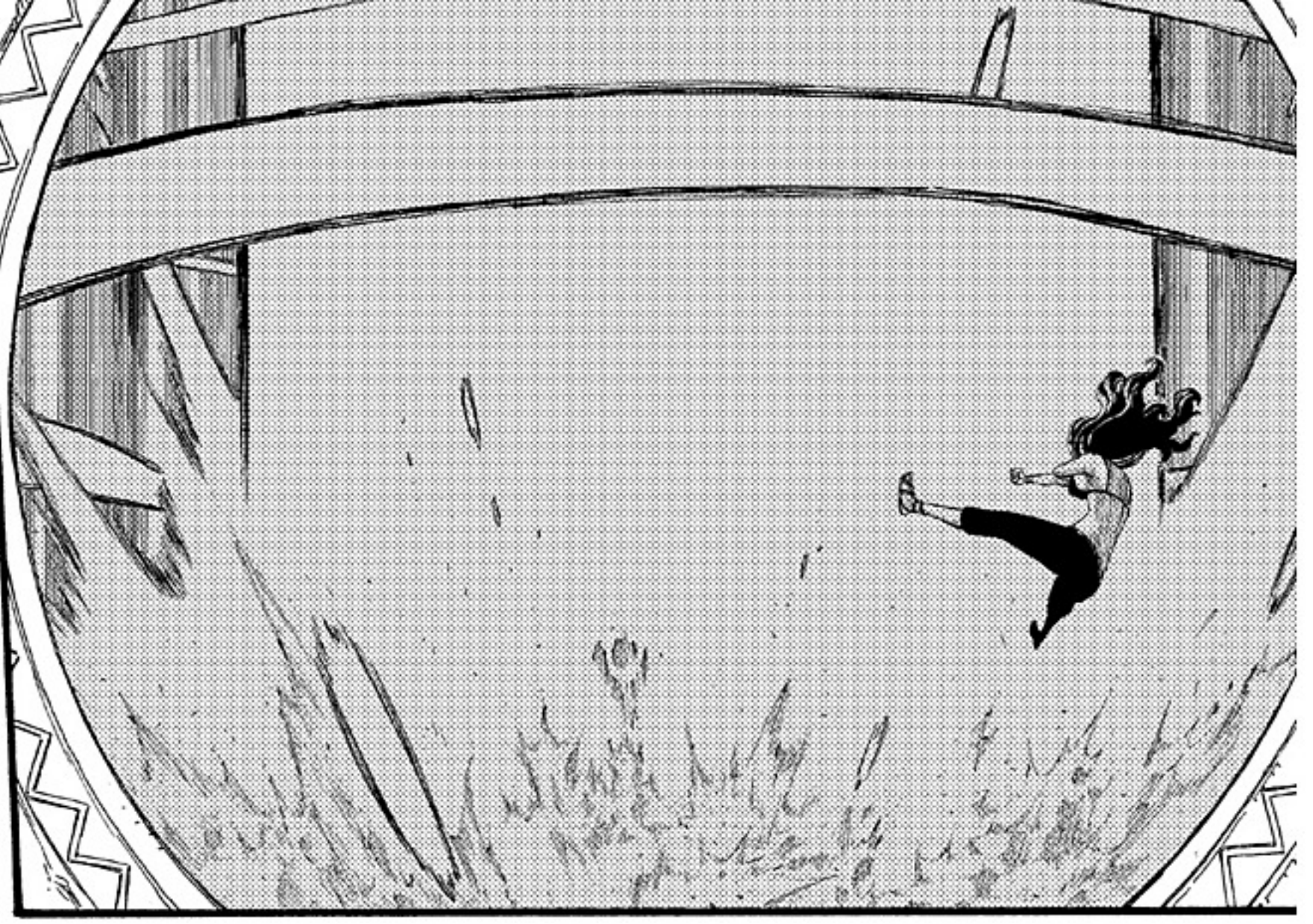


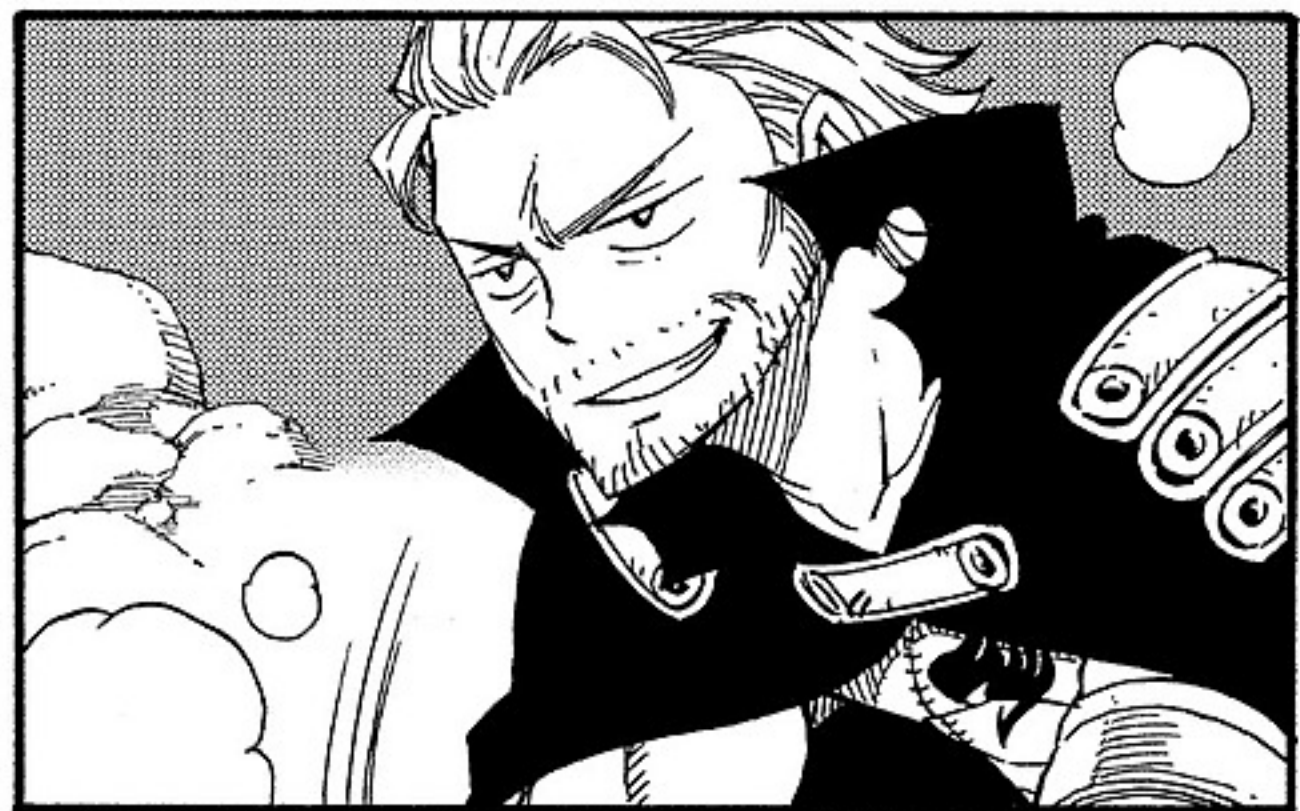
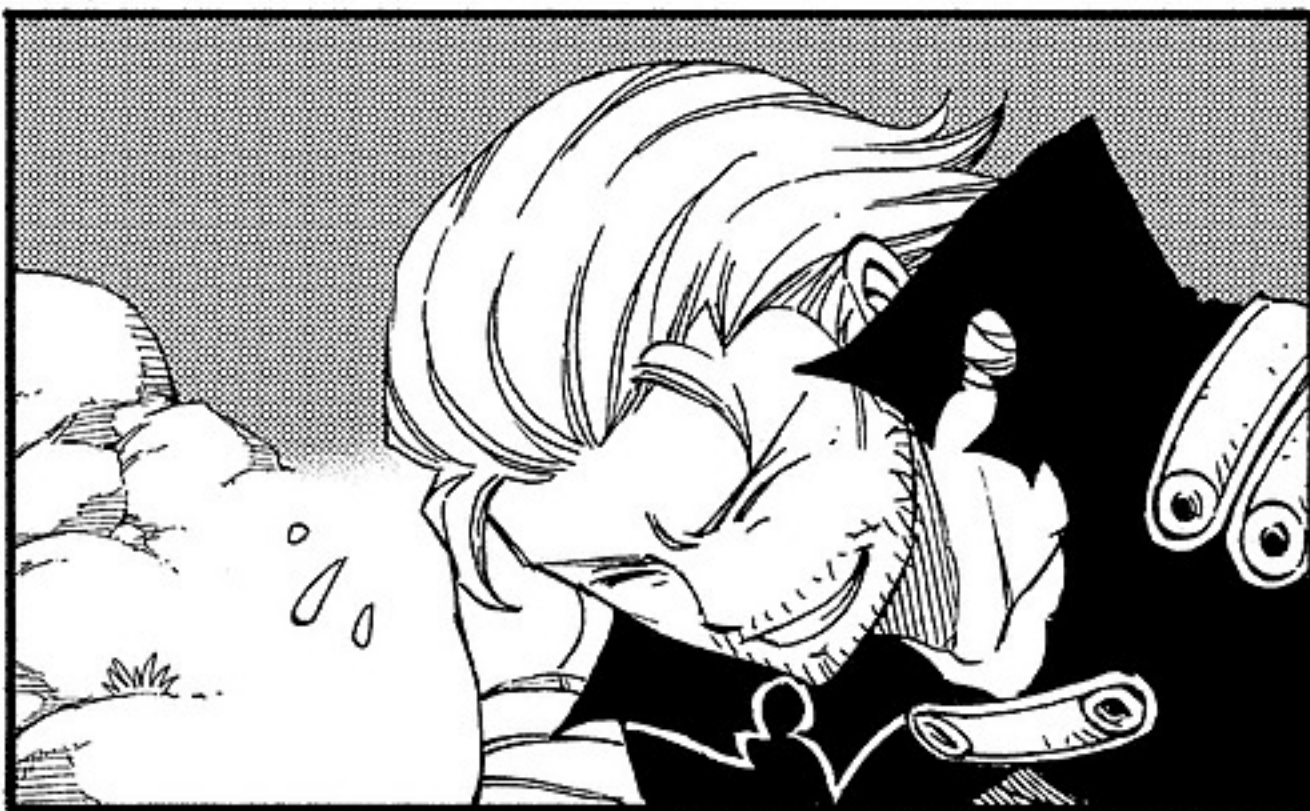


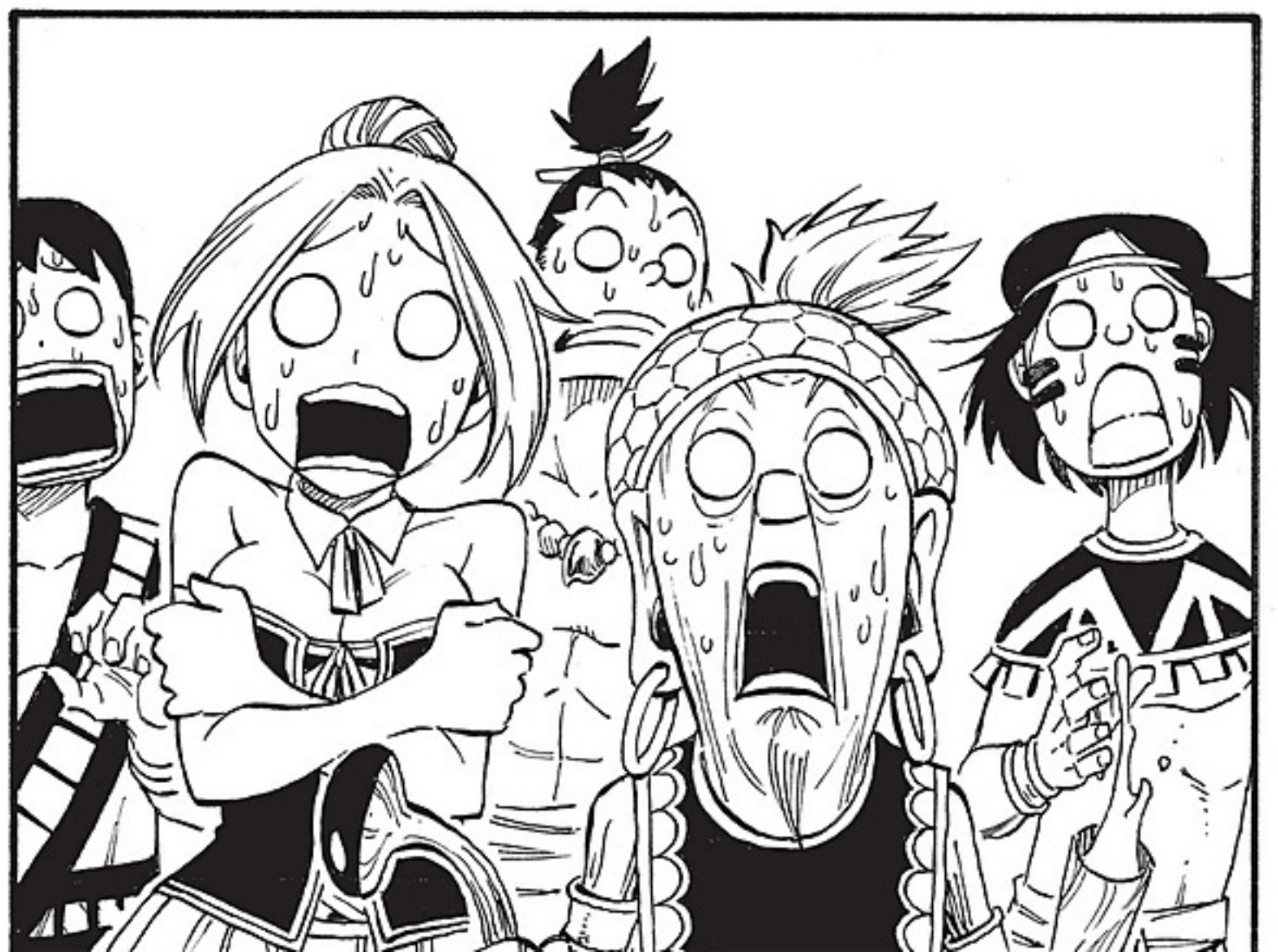
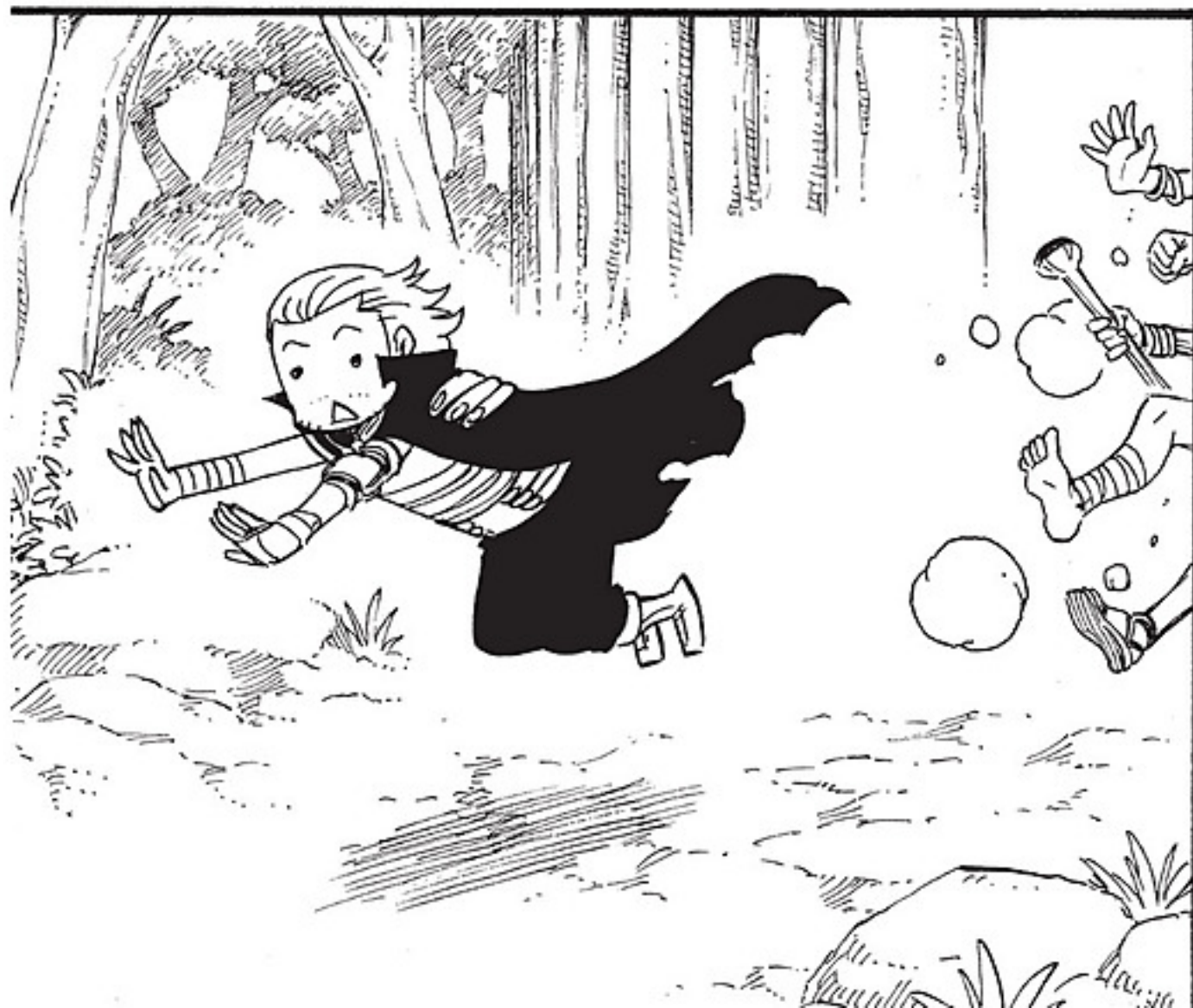
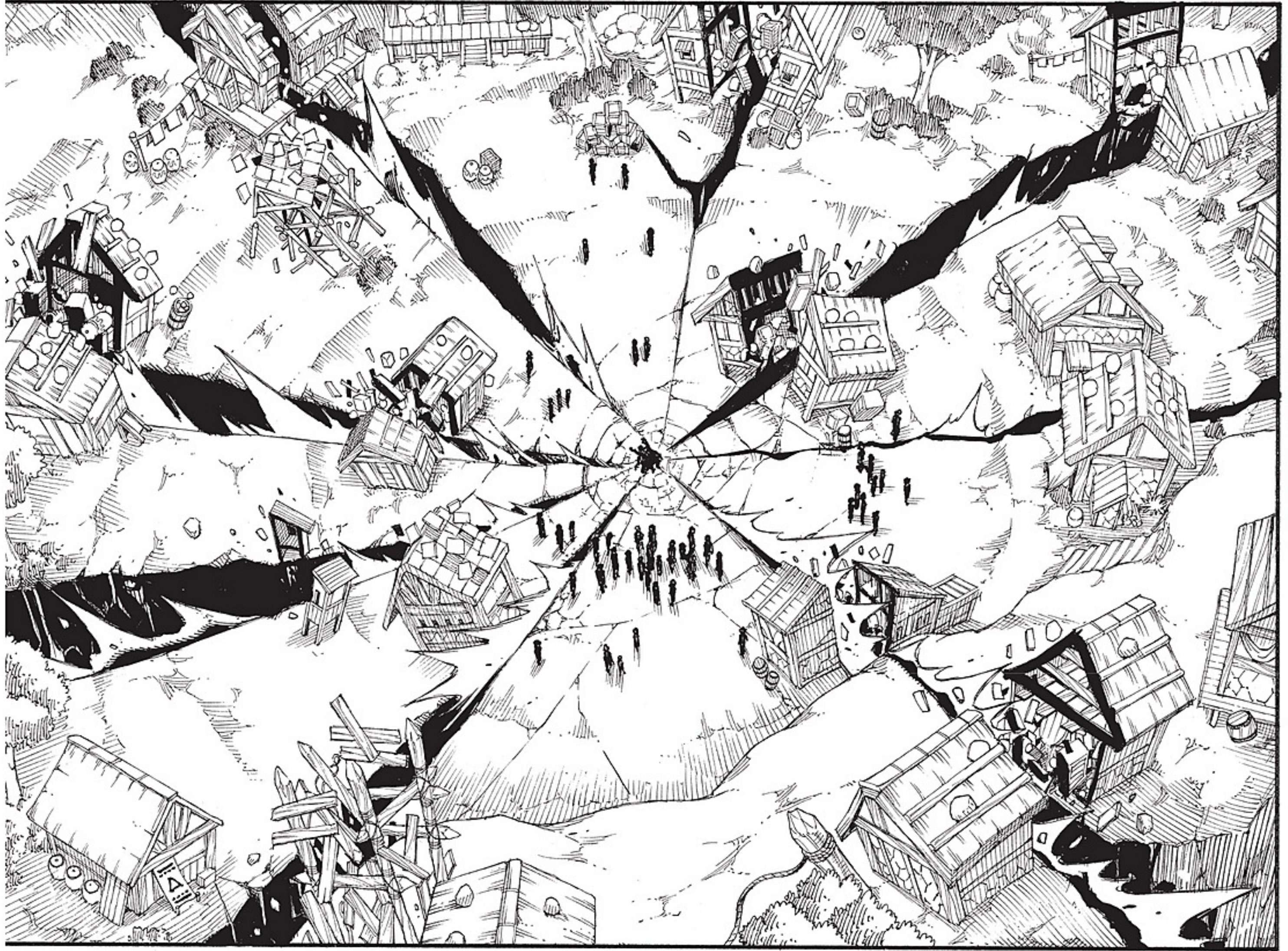
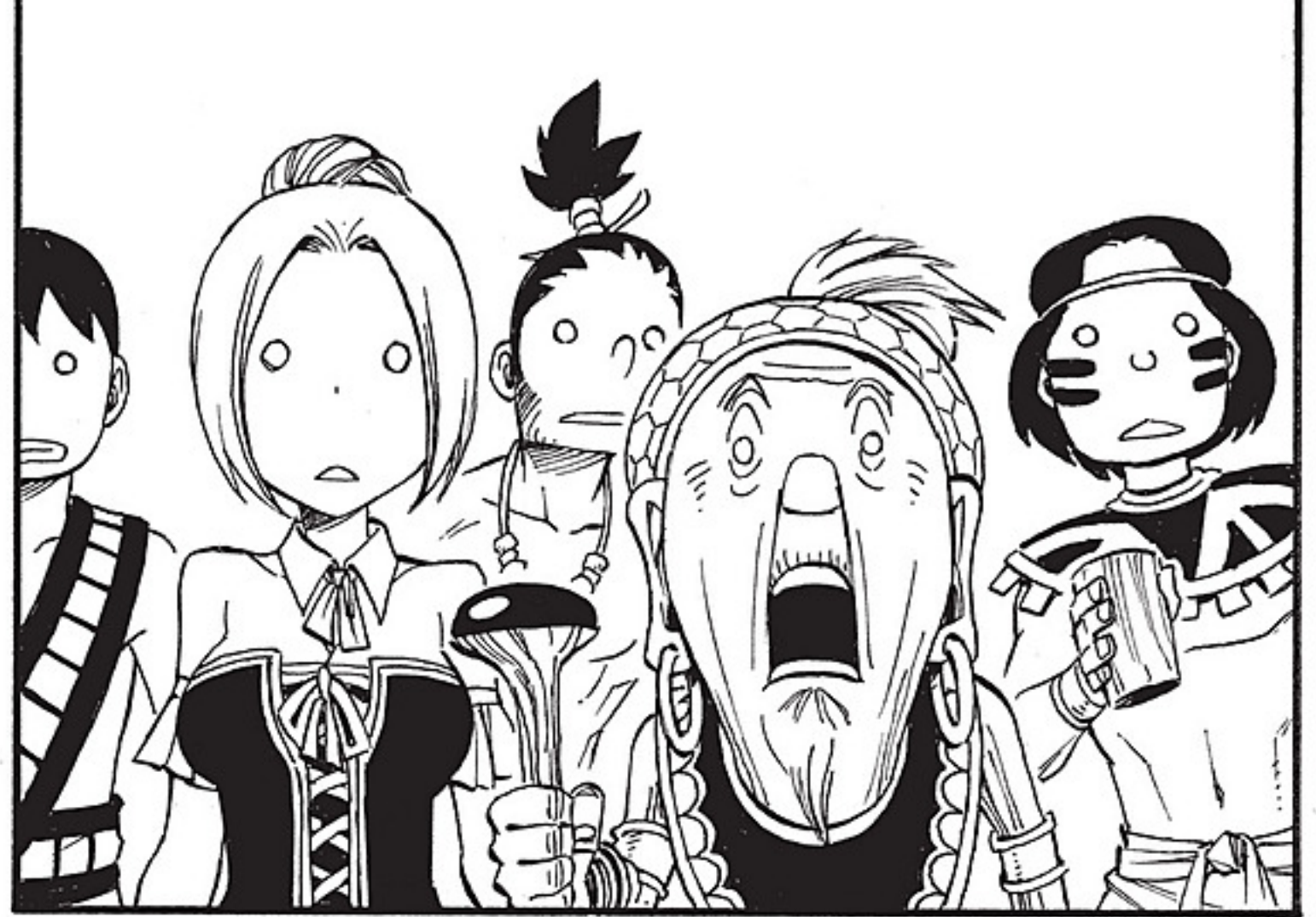






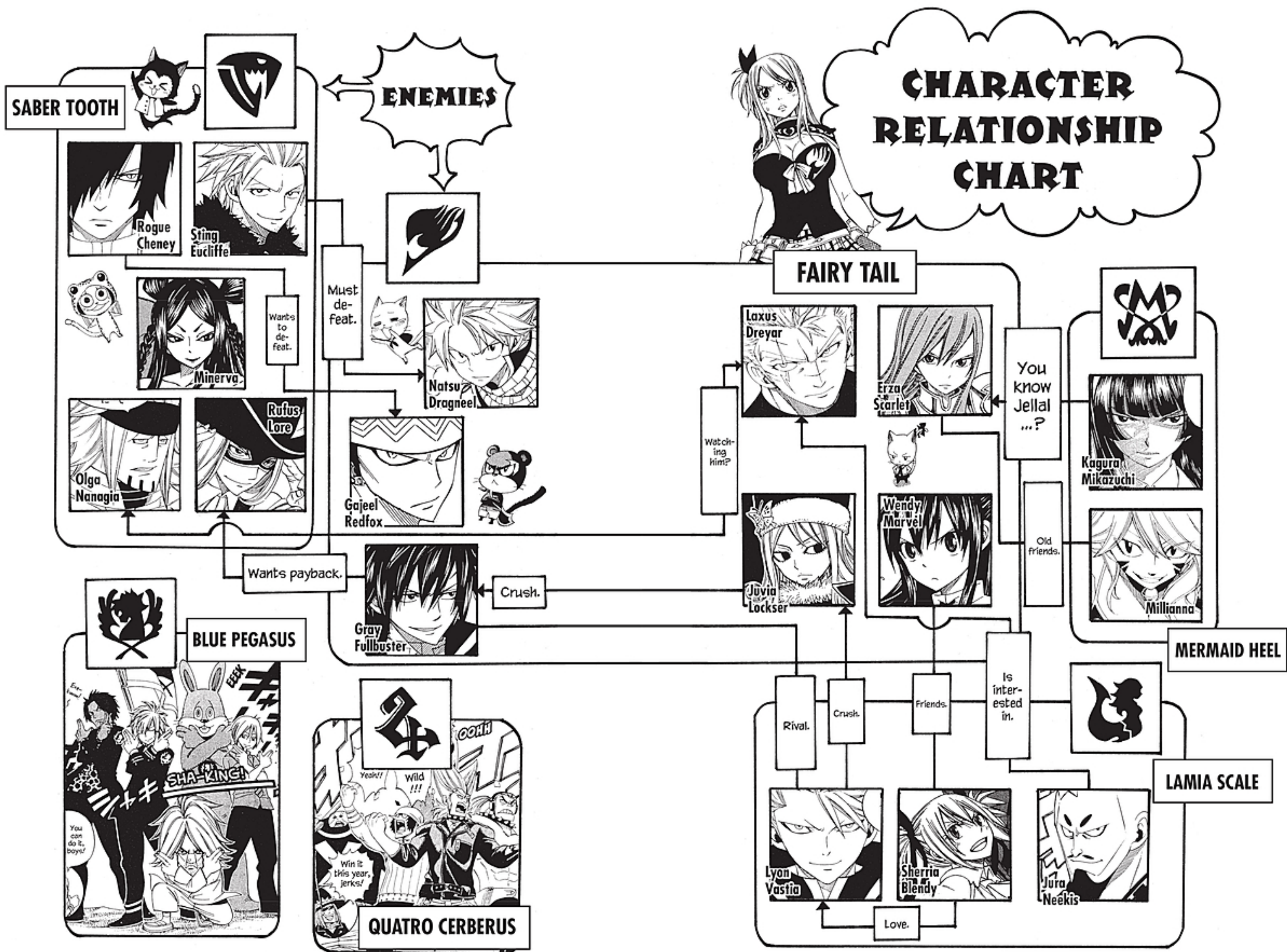






BONUS PAGES





Emergency Request! Explain the mysteries of

F.T.!

At a bar in Crocus...



:Let's celebrate!! We're past chapter 299!!



:Yaaay!! Wait... If we're going to celebrate, shouldn't we be celebrating at Chapter 300?

Mira: And we're going to kick off our question corner for this volume!

Lucy: Yaaay!! Ignoring me this time, too!

Mira: The first question.

Is Frosch male or female?



Lucy: We get this question a lot.

Mira: I think she's a she!

Lucy: Huh? I figure that he's a he.

Mira: Then, let's do rock-paper-scissors to decide it.



:It isn't something that can be decided that way!

Mira: Actually, I'm less concerned about whether Frosch is male or female, and more about whether Frosch is a frog or a cat.

Lucy: I'd have to side heavily with "cat."



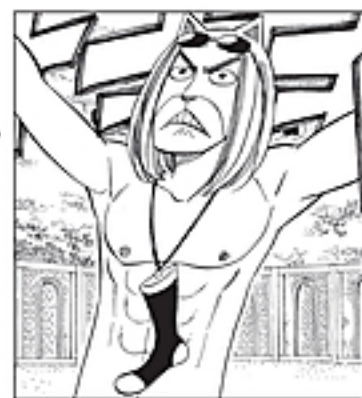
:Well, we have a "questionable" character anyway, so go ahead and have fun forming your own conclusions.



:There doesn't seem to be an answer coming...

Mira: Next question!

Why didn't Toby notice a sock that's been hanging around his neck for three months?



Lucy: I think it should be forbidden to ask this question seriously. (laughter)

Mira: Right. It's just surrealism!

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Lucy: If we have to give an answer, it's because he's a dumb guy.

Mira: Let's go to the next question.

Won't the master of Mermaid Heel ever show up?



Lucy: No master *has* shown up, huh?

Mira: Actually, there is a big secret surrounding this.

Lucy: What?! Now I want to know!!

Mira: You know that Mermaid Heel has a strict rule that it's an all-female guild, right?

Lucy: Yeah!

Mira: Well the master *looks* like an old lady, but in reality she's a

man!

Lucy: Whaaaaaaa?!!

Mira: The guy goes in drag and is surrounded by girls, so he thinks of them as his harem!

Lucy: You're lying to me, aren't you?!!



:Of course I am! (smile)



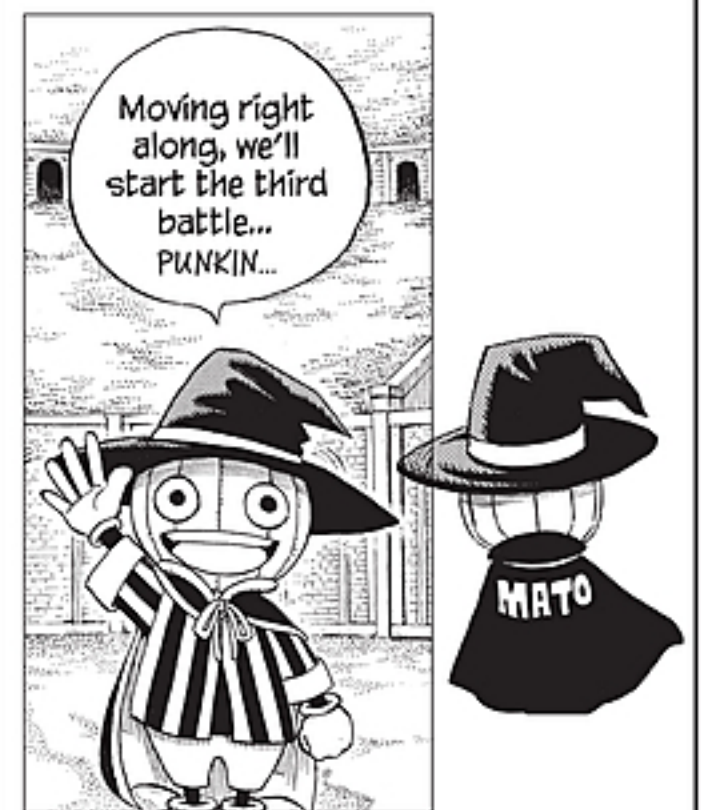
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Mira: It's all a lie! But if the story requires it, the master will probably show up sometime.

Lucy: This girl here tells some pretty elaborate lies.

Mira: And the last question of the column.

Just what is Mato anyway?



Lucy: He's the official mascot of the Grand Magic Games. That much I know...

Mira: You can buy all sorts of Mato-kun goods all over Crocus!

Lucy: I saw those too! Key holders, notebooks...

Mira: If you're wondering about who is inside, well that's just something you have to look forward to! ♥



I can't say I'm expecting much out of it. (After all, there was the big reveal of the Blue Pegasus Rabbit, and we know how that turned out...)

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The great detective... maybe?



Mie Prefecture, The Lady Next Door Is Scary



Shizuoka Prefecture, Misono Haraga

What Millianina always says, "Are you pumped up?"



Okayama Prefecture, Arashi

▲ It's Momon! Thank you to everyone who went to see the movie!



Tokyo, Mayuko Waka

▲ This is so well done! And Erza retains her high level of popularity!



Hiroshima Prefecture, Minky

▲ Flare is really popular among a certain section of fans. I can't say that I dislike her myself.



Osaka, Daki Yoshimoto

▲ How cute! Looking at this, I like Lector even better!



Tokyo, Inaker

▲ Basketball Natsu. What is Happy doing?



Gifu Prefecture, Pokerface

▲ All sorts of faces for Mavis! In the next volume, Mavis will...

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Kyoto, Liver Butter

RELEASED CORNER

Wow, sexy! Yes, more of this, please.



Hokkaido, Fumika © Now 14 Years Old

The rivals!! What will the final day bring?



Hyogo Prefecture, Daki Murata



Fukuoka Prefecture, Macho-Micho

▲ This character has gone through a lot of changes, huh?



Saga Prefecture, Ryōsuke Morisaki

▲ Kagura with a great touch for drawing! Very cool!

An image of Pieces. Actually, they have a secret that's still hidden.



Kanagawa Prefecture, Tetsuya Yamamoto

Team assemble!! They're all ready to rumble!



Nagata Prefecture, Akemi Watanabe



Afterword

This one's long, huh? This series! I can't seem to wrap it up in three volumes like I usually do. I've had this vague idea of a story structure, but recently I've been doing a string of long arcs. I feel the urge to do a short arc once the Grand Magic Games arc is over. This time, without so many characters. And I counted this time, and we've gone over 80 named characters! (cries) That makes it really hard to draw every week, it wears me out! Well, sure, we don't draw all 80 characters in every chapter, but in the next volume, the number of characters will increase again, it seems. What is with this series...?

Actually, this series began with an idea of "a festival!!" sort of feeling. And in trying to take all the best ideas from my previous story-telling experience, it's given this series a very climactic feel. There have been a lot of rumors running around saying, "This will be the end of Fairy Tail." Well, it isn't ending. I know that **someday**, we'll have an ending, but for right now, there are at least three full episodes I'd like to play out. That means somewhere around 15-20 volumes maybe? Of course, it's always possible that it **could** end sooner, but it's also possible that it **could** go on much longer than that. I'm certainly not thinking about doing the final chapter yet.

So here we are at volume 35. I mentioned this before, but my previous work ended at this same number of volumes. So you can think of 36 as a "beginning." I hope you will still support me!



**A GREAT NUMBER OF ALL KINDS
OF EMOTIONS GREET THE FINAL
DAY OF THE "FESTIVAL"...**

PREVIEW OF THE NEXT VOLUME

LOOK AT THIS!!
WE'VE HAD
A MEMBER
SUBSTITUTION
!!!!

Wait...!!!
Let go
of me
!!!

GRAB

**THE NATURE OF THE ECLIPSE PLAN IS FINALLY
REVEALED! BUT THE SITUATION TAKES AN
UNEXPECTED TURN, AND LUCY IS CAPTURED!**

**Take it,
children
!!!!**

**WE WILL ALLOW NO ONE ELSE THE
POSITION OF, "THE STRONGEST"!
THE CHOICE ONLY GOES TO THE WINNER.
SURVIVE THE DESPERATE FINAL BATTLE!!**

That
is what
"battle" is
to me!

Your
friends will
lead you
toward
victory!

**MEANWHILE, NATSU'S GROUP GOES OUT ON
A TOP-SECRET MISSION! THEY HAVE ONLY ONE
GOAL: BREAK LUCY FREE!!**

FAIRY TAIL 36
フェアリーテイル

**THE "GRAND MAGIC GAMES" ARC WHERE
MYSTERY AND MAYHEM REIGN!
BUT NOW IT'S A BATTLE
ON TWO FRONTS!!**

DON'T MISS IT!!

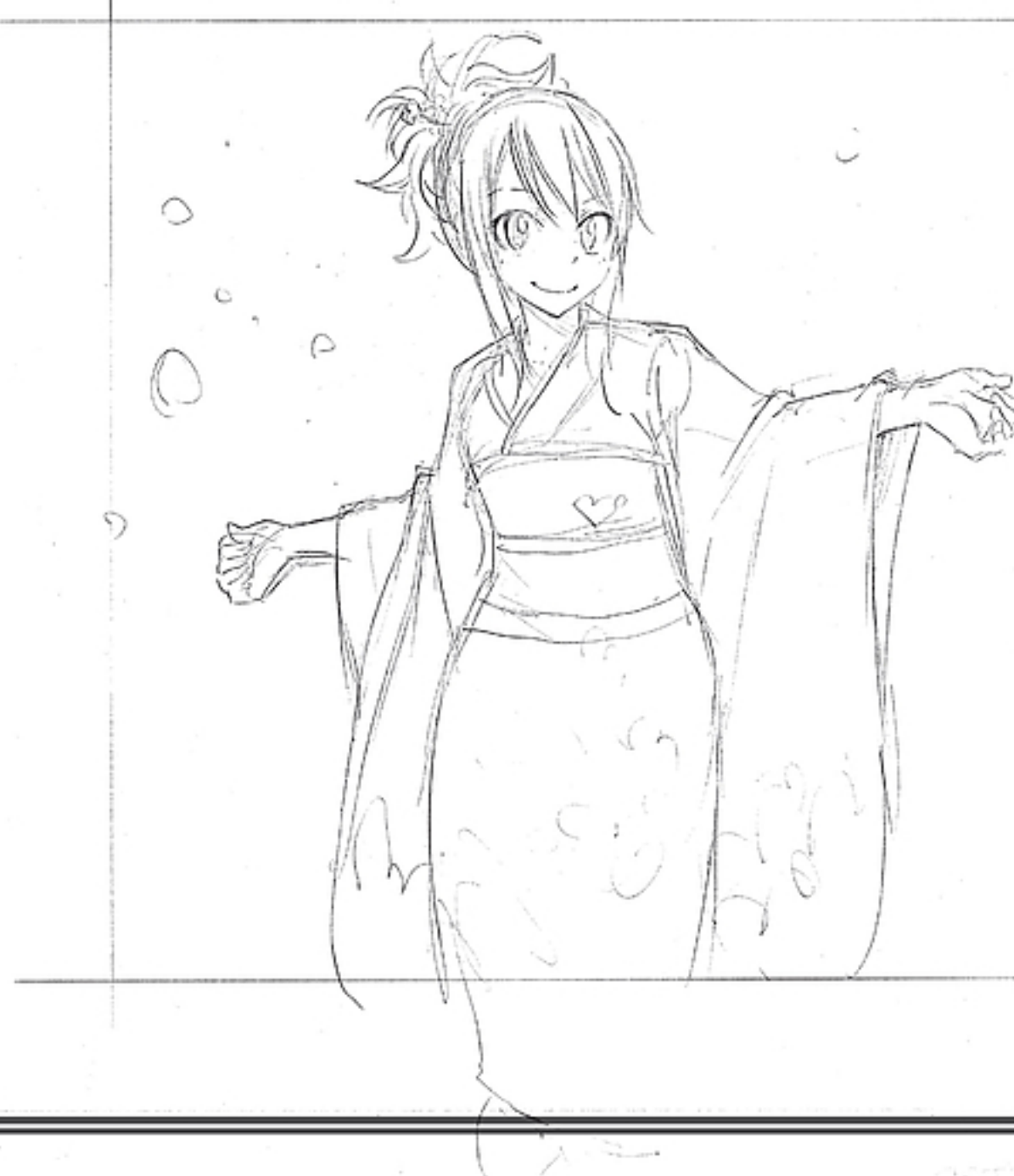
FAIRY TAIL 35

フェアリーテイル

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January



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



In the Japanese version, this volume, Vol. 35, has the normal edition and a special edition released with an OAD (original animation DVD). The two have different covers, but the manga on the inside is exactly the same, so be sure not to buy both by mistake! Also the DVD this time is pretty incredible...

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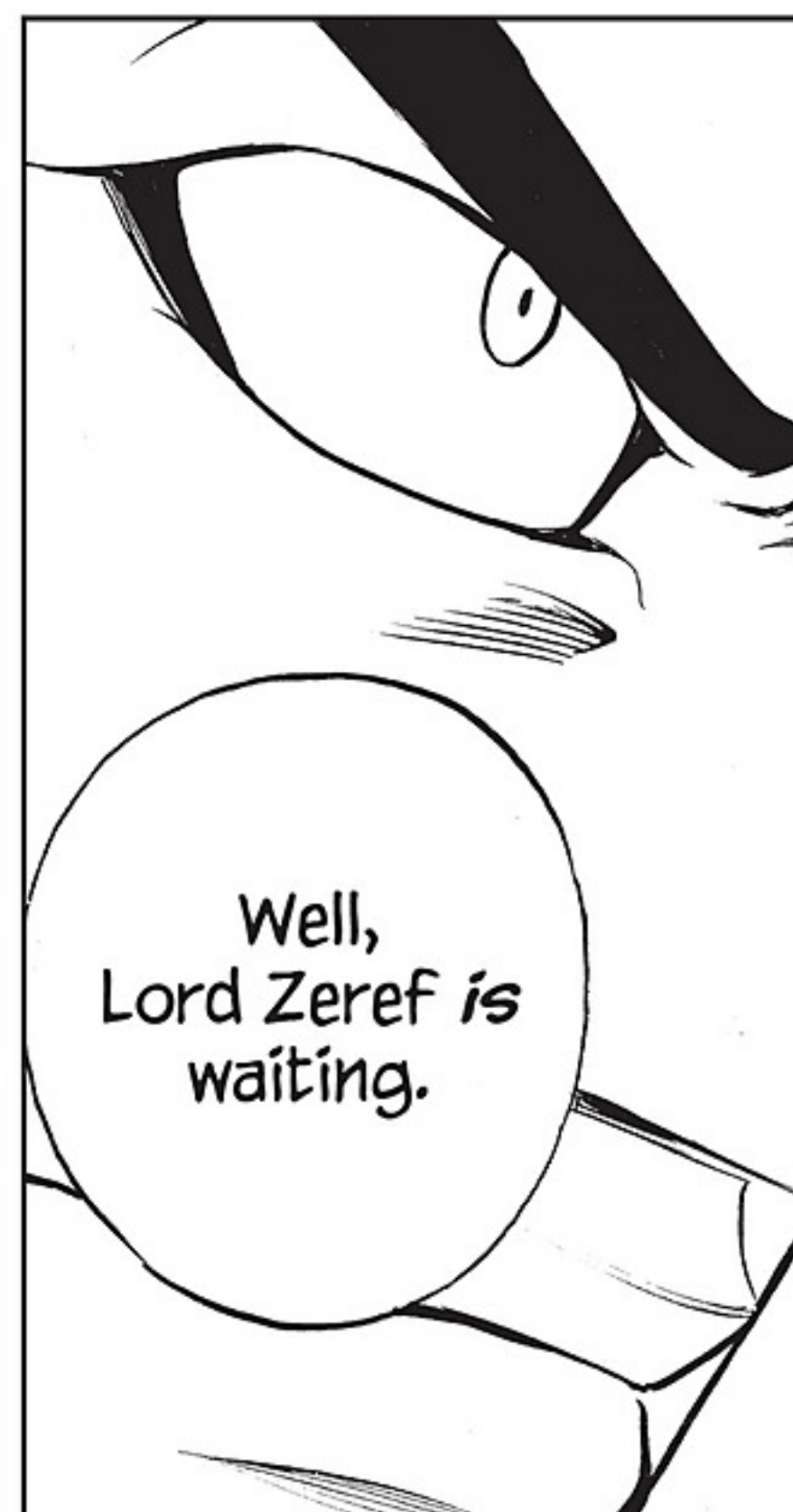
Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 19, Lord Zeref

In the Japanese, "Lord Zeref" is "Zeref-kyô." As mentioned in the notes of Volume 26, there are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. More often seen is *-dono* (see below), and a less-common, more polite honorific is *-kyô*.

Page 35, Penitent Meeen.

In Japanese, Nichiya uses a rather formal and archaic way of apologizing, *menbokunai* (literally, "I have no honor," but it is a way of expressing shame and guilt for an action). However, being an Ichiya clone, he does it by saying, "meeen-bokunai."



Page 134, Makarov-dono

As mentioned in previous notes, *-dono* is an honorific much like *-sama*, an honorific that indicates a lot of respect. But it is also somewhat archaic and is not used in everyday society. It has a somewhat old-fashioned feel to it. Still, the character of Jura uses this honorific quite often.



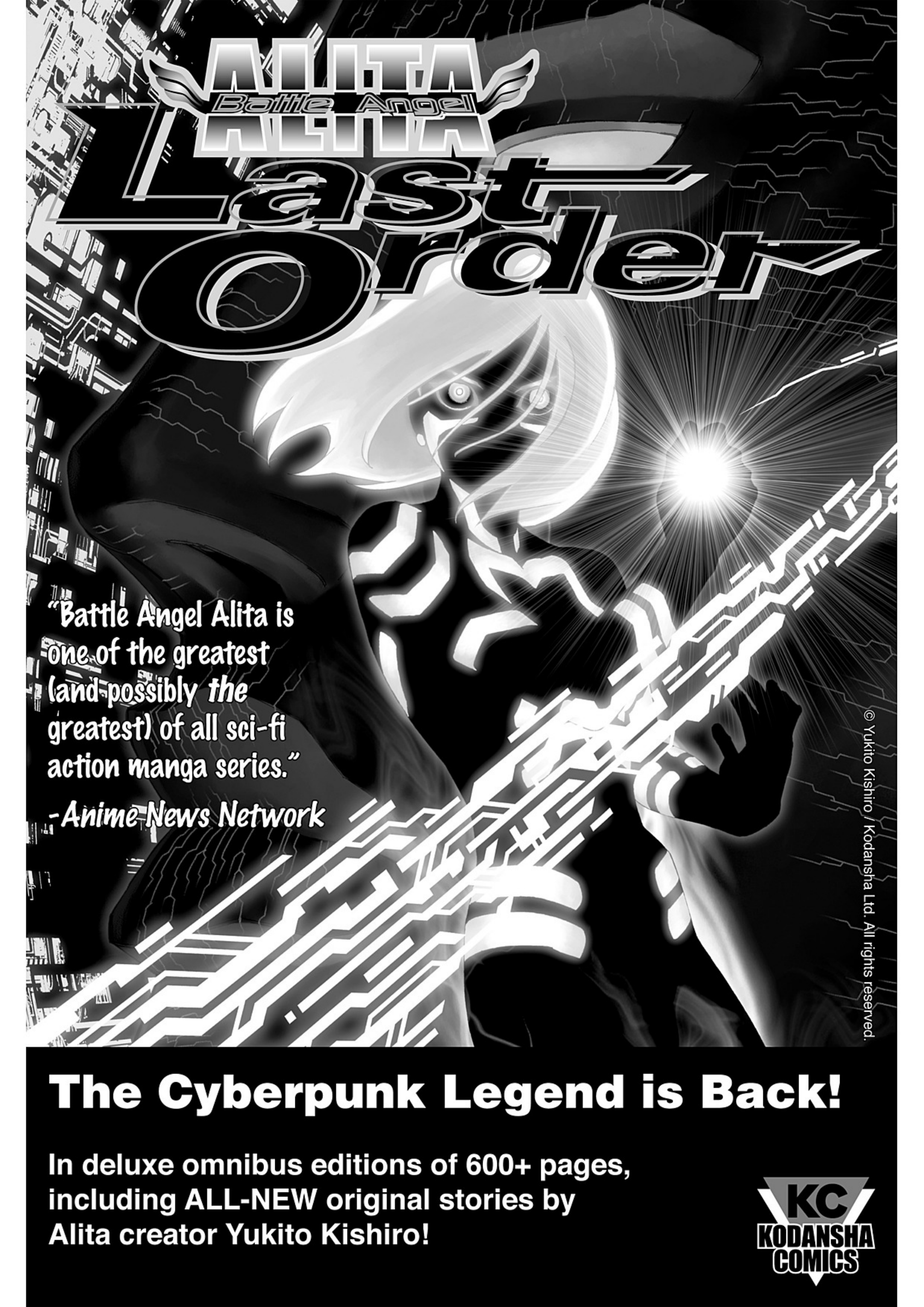
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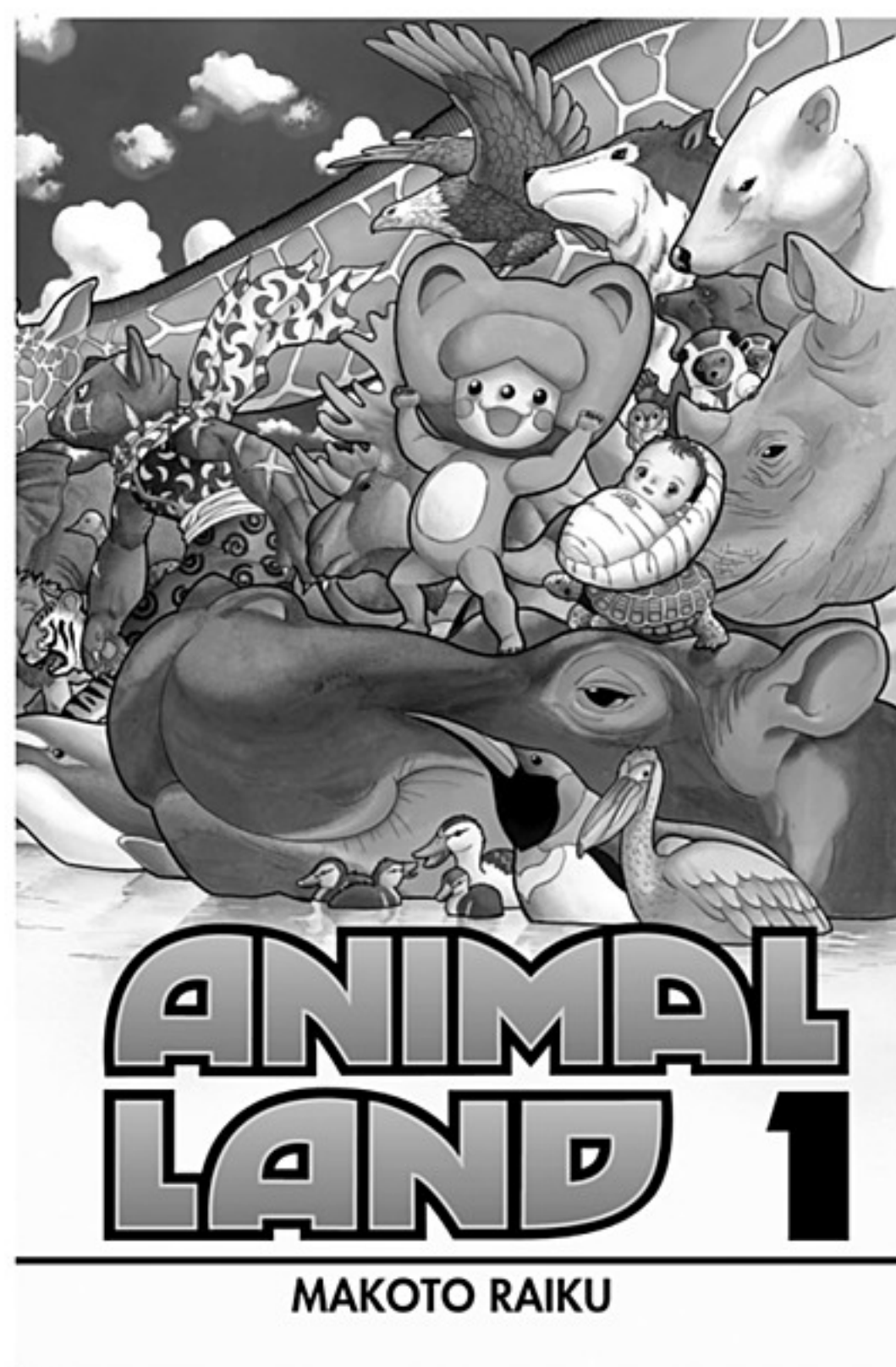
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